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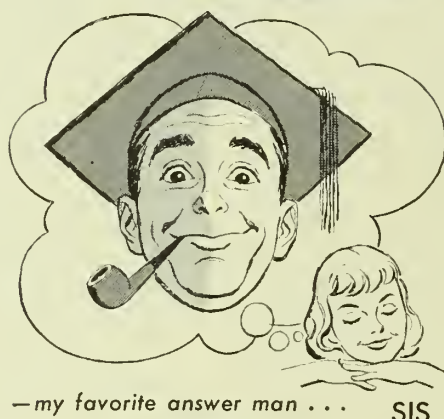
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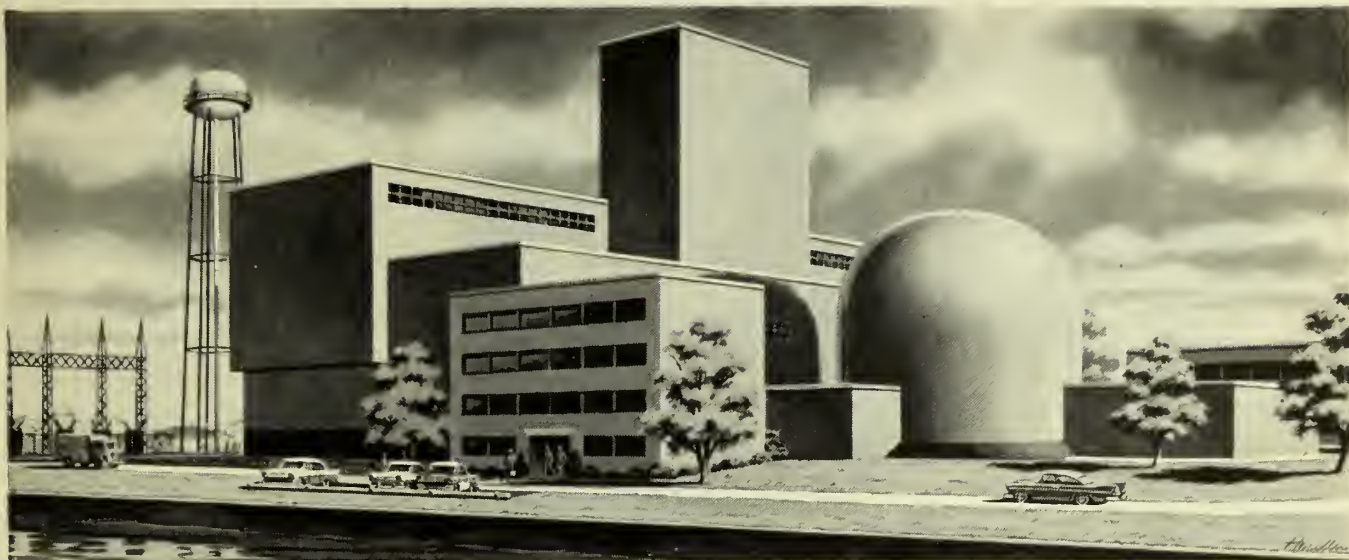
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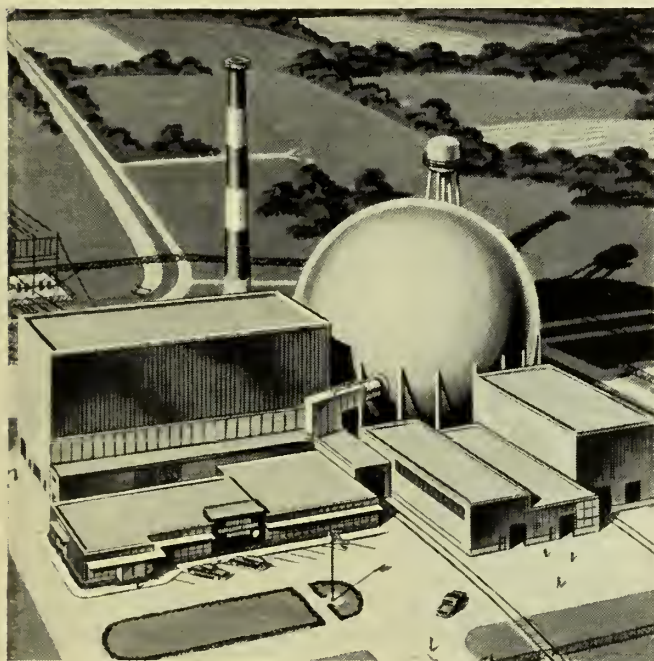
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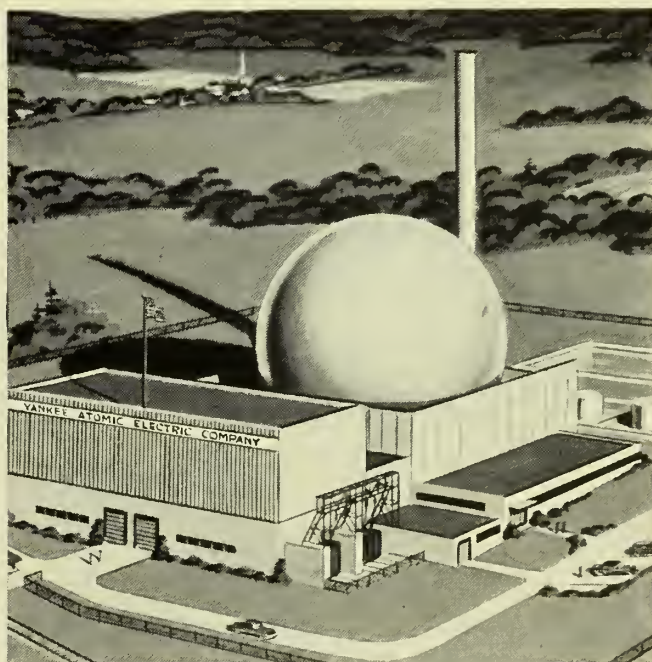




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**Dresden, Illinois, plant** is being developed by 7 electric light and power companies, their equipment manufacturers, and with the co-operation of the AEC.



**Yankee atomic-electric plant** is being developed by 12 New England electric companies. A number of equipment manufacturers and the AEC are participating.

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Among the atomic-electric power plants now under way, three will look like the drawings above when completed.

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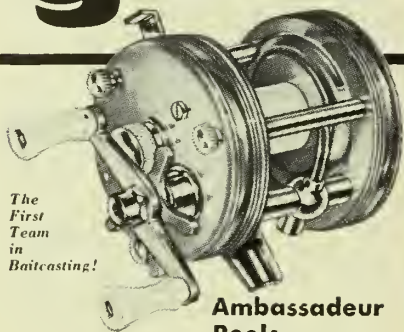
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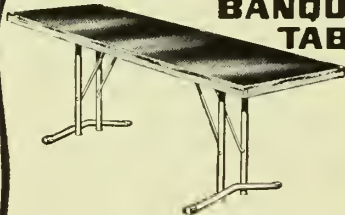
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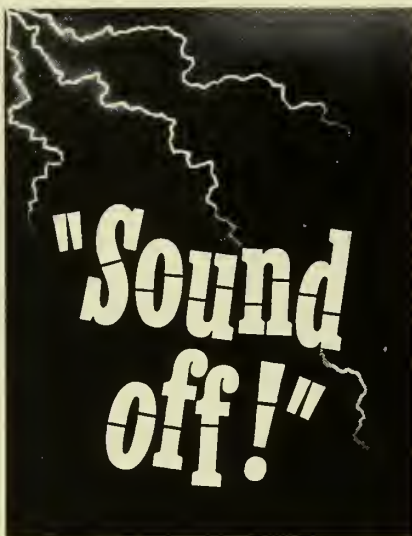
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Name Withheld  
 Salem, Va.

Sir: I'm writing with regard to the article "Let's Look at Our Own Canal." It made me fearful and then very angry. Something has got to be done *now*. The general public must know what is going on. That article has to be printed elsewhere. I'm not going to see this, my beloved country, go to the communist dogs without a fight. With God's help maybe we can save it from disaster.

Mrs. T. E. Davis  
 Albuquerque, N. Mex.

**GENEROUS JIMMY**

Sir: An article in one of our Ohio papers yesterday caught my eye and reminded me of your article "Let's Look at Our Own Canal" in the March issue. The newspaper story dealt with Rep. James Roosevelt's speech at an Israeli bond dinner in Chicago. He proposed that the United States offer to turn over control of the Panama Canal to the United Nations provided Egypt takes the same step with the Suez Canal. If all our political leaders take this attitude we might as well give up.

John W. Wilcox, Jr.  
 Dresden, Ohio

**WORTH IMITATING**

Sir: Just ran across a notation of something I meant to mail you three years ago. Happened to visit the V.A. Hospital at Lyons, N. J., where they were having a Carnival Day for the patients. A Mr. Cummings of the staff was using one of those picture-in-a-minute Polaroid cameras to take pictures of

the patients. He was giving them the pictures to send home so their relatives could see how they looked. Looked like a World Series ticket line stretching away from him. Most popular act on the midway. Worth imitating at other hospitals, I'd say.

Charles "Gyp" Green  
 Highland, N. Y.

**WOULD BE SHOCKED**

Sir: It gave me great pleasure to see Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in your February issue. I have long wanted a copy of it and I shall preserve it. It does not require much imagination to sense that The Great Emancipator would be shocked, if alive today, at the way our statesmen have involved this nation both nationally and internationally. One has only to think of the ever-expanding Federal Government, and the way our citizens shrink from their responsibilities of self-government and regard for their fellow man.

Herbert W. Koehn  
 Houston, Tex.

**IMPOUND 'EM**

Sir: Fines have not solved traffic violations. Better results might be obtained by impounding a violator's car for a few days. If we had to do without the use of it for a while we might begin to understand the rights of the road.

William R. Sullivan  
 Los Angeles

**ADS CHECKED?**

Sir: I would like to congratulate you on the article in the April issue, "Rackets in Your Home." This is very interesting and informative material. I would also like to suggest that want ads to be entered in the "Post Exchange" be investigated before they are accepted. It would certainly be a sin to mislead some disabled vet with an ad in his own magazine.

John E. Herrin  
 Elkin, N. C.

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 Editors

**GOVERNMENT NEGLECT**

Sir: Your April issue contained some heartbreaking letters and a wonderful editorial on our forgotten prisoners of war in Korea. My feelings border on contempt for some of our so-called public officials and public servants. How can these officials appear before the American people with such a blight on them? The American Government didn't make any mention of its "not being responsible" for its men while they were drafting and recruiting them to fight the Korean War. The American people should be made aware of this neglect in every possible way. We are burdened down with



many kinds of taxes, but I'm sure the load will be even less bearable if Americans find out that the Government would rather send it overseas and spend it on "official" trips around the world than make any attempt to aid our own boys. I'm sure that under such conditions the American man could be excused, and safer, if he refused his draft call and went to a Federal prison. At least he would be safe in America and not rotting in a communist jail, a forgotten man. Our officials, Democratic and Republican alike, would do well to hang their heads in shame for their attitude toward this situation.

**Don W. Gowins**  
*Carriers Mills, Ill.*

#### VICTIMIZED

Sir: I hold a World War I ("to make the world safe for Democracy") insurance policy, and I feel that I and every other veteran holder of these policies have been defrauded. Why? Well, I put good gold-standard dollars into this policy, and the understanding was that I would be repaid in gold dollars or in paper money redeemable in gold. Instead the Government will pay off in dollars worth about 10 or 15 percent (in buying power) of the dollars I paid into them. I think that the cash surrender value or the death payments on these policies should be in an amount equal in buying power to the dollars the old soldiers put into such policies. If this country can give billions to communist and socialist countries who hate us, it can deduct a few millions from the giveaway funds and pay the veteran what he is entitled to on his policy. Hope every veteran holding these policies will write his Congressman and Senators, demanding common justice.

**Name Withheld**  
*Savannah, Ga.*

#### SAVED MONEY

Sir: I am grateful for Ralph Lee Smith's article, "Rackets in Your Home," in your April issue. Brother, have you just saved me some money! Fortunately, I'm one of the ones that wasn't wised up too late, after the loss of some money. I'm sorry that the article can't be more widely read.

**Name Withheld**  
*Painted Post, N. Y.*

▼ The article will appear shortly in *Reader's Digest*. **Editors**

#### NOT UNDER OATH

Sir: In the "Editor's Corner" for March you refer to a forthcoming book by the Honorable Alger Hiss, to be published by Alfred Knopf Co. Alger Hiss had two long-drawn-out, expensive trials in which to give his story to the American people. What can he tell us that he could not tell while on the witness stand *under oath*? He had his day in an American court  
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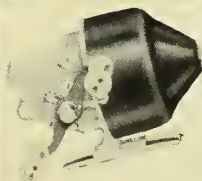
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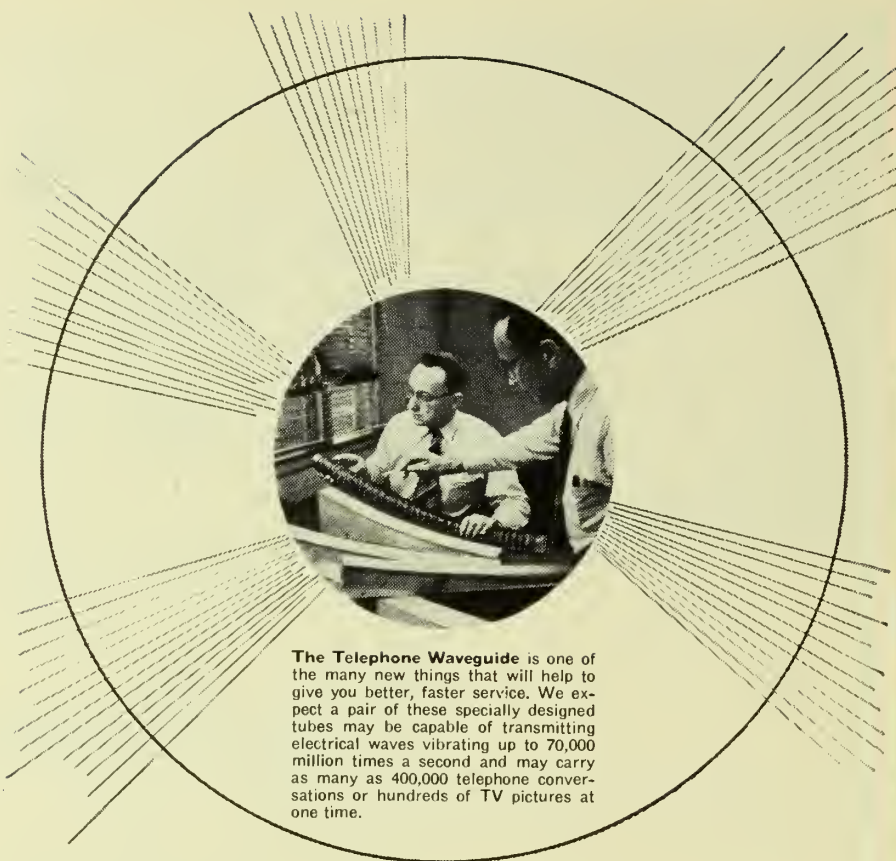
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### SUCCESS STORY

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The formula must work. The same newspaper headlined glad tidings from London that Britons were being given a substantial cut in income taxes and other levies. It is good to know that the billions we've bundled off to Britain are permitting tax cuts there, but it was a bit rough to get the news just five days before the deadline for U. S. income taxes.

Incidentally, things must be tougher here than in England because we got no news from Washington that our taxes were being slashed. Our Government needs the money for foreign aid, etc.

### "ASSASSINATION BY INSINUATION"

**A**MERICANS recently had another graphic demonstration of the way leftwing propagandists operate. We trust that you, at least, were not taken in by their customary antics.

The occasion this time was the death of E. Herbert Norman, Canadian Ambassador to Egypt, who committed suicide by jumping off a building in Cairo on April 4. Shortly before that, on March 12 and 21, Norman's name had come up in the course of a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee inquiry. These references, indicating that Norman had a communist record, were supposed to have caused him to take his own life.

Immediately, left-wingers on both sides of the border swung into action. In the United States, familiar phonies rushed to microphones, typewriters and pulpits. Mouthing the slogan, "assassination by insinuation," they pointed to Norman's death as proof positive of the iniquity of red-baiting, demanded that all investigations be stopped forthwith, and took occasion to castigate the FBI, Subcommittee Counsel Robert Morris, and others involved in exposing communism.

In Canada most of the indignation seemed to stem from Lester B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, who assured his countrymen that there was no truth in reports that Norman had once been an associate of communists. Apparently believing this, Canadian news-



papers criticized the United States in harsh terms, and college students demonstrated against an American Government which had hounded a man to suicide.

Unfortunately, one little detail was overlooked in all the left-wing yammering in the United States and Canada—the truth.

The facts, which eventually came out, showed that Norman had indeed associated with communists and engaged in red activities. Now Canadians are beginning to wonder not about U.S. officials but about their own Mr. Pearson.

Solon Low, leader of the Social Credit Party, went so far as to say that the Canadian Government should be held responsible for Norman's death, and that Lester B. Pearson's External Affairs Department had made a "colossal blunder" in sending Norman to such a hot spot as Egypt while knowing of his red background.

The key question, however, was asked by John Diefenbaker, leader of the Progressive-Conservative opposition:

"Will the minister [Lester B. Pearson] say that the allegations before the subcommittee of the United States Senate on March 12 and 21 specifically were untrue, unjustified and had no basis in fact?"

Mr. Pearson refused to answer this question concerning the late Ambassador to Egypt, even when Mr. Diefenbaker repeated it.

There is also a resounding silence from the charlatans in the United States who, not long ago, were making the welkin ring with their clamor about "assassination by insinuation."

## SNAKES AND RATS

A CERTAIN segment of the press never has a kind word for anyone who has done an effective job of exposing subversives and how subversives operate in Government, on campuses, in entertainment, on newspapers, etc. Nor do these newspapers care much for anyone who opposes a no-holds-barred immigration policy.

Because of this, a man like Scott McLeod can expect a bad press in certain quarters. Responsible for security in the State Department, "Scotty" did an excellent job in ridding Washington of many reds, pinks and perverts. He also managed to thwart the unending efforts of those who try to get around certain provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

For no other reasons that we can think of, papers such as *The New York Times* became almost incoherent with rage when it was announced that Scott McLeod was being considered as Ambassador to Ireland. Editorially, such papers shrieked that the appointment was an affront to the Irish.

Why should it be? One of the most beloved figures in Irish history is St. Patrick who, legend has it, drove the snakes from Ireland. Surely the Irish should appreciate a man who, the record shows, drove a lot of rats from key spots in the U.S. Government.

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# YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS

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Job prospects today are good (this goes for most everybody, whether new hand or old). Moreover, says the U. S. Department of Labor, this is no temporary phenomenon. Unless something really goes haywire, **our civilian labor force by 1965 should be about 15 percent bigger than now.** Indeed, in the long run the possibility of labor shortages is far greater than the possibility of oversupply.

But major changes are going on in the types and kinds of labor employers want. **The big demand is for quality.** To put it another way: A strong back and willing hands by themselves don't count so much anymore; skill and professional ability do. You can see this by looking at the expected changes in our civilian employment in the decade ahead:

1. **Professional and technical people:** Jobs will be up 35-40 percent by 1965.
2. **Proprietors and managers:** Up 20-25 percent.
3. **Clerical and sales help:** Up 25-30 percent.
4. **Skilled and semiskilled employees:** Up 25 percent.
5. **Service personnel** (beauty shop operators, firemen, policemen, et al.): Up 10-15 percent.

Meanwhile the fellow with the pick and shovel (**common laborer**) and the man with the hoe (**farmer**) are fading out of the picture. **Jobs in these categories are declining** because machines can do the work.

Those who still resent the invasion by gals of such male haunts as barber-shops and taverns, brace yourselves: **About half the increase in our labor force over the next ten years will be women.** Some five million more ladies will join the ranks for a total of over 26 million.

[Says Rocco C. Siciliano, Assistant Secretary of Labor: "In this changing labor market, it will be folly to maintain age, sex and race barriers."]

June and diamonds are another timely combination. Weddings and engagements run high. In picking a sparkler, **consider this expert advice from Tiffany's,** New York's famed jewelry house:

- **The "whiter" (or clearer) a diamond is, the greater its value,** by and large. This doesn't mean that you can't get good colored stones (the fabulous Tiffany Diamond is canary yellow), but you'd better know what you're doing if you go in for rainbow-hued rocks.

- **"Perfect" or "flawless" diamonds, of course, are best.** There's a Federal Trade Commission definition of them: They must be able to stand a ten-power magnification in normal daylight and show no flaws or blemishes to a trained eye. On proper advice, though, you might pick up a less perfect stone if you are looking for size at a price.

- **"Cut" is important.** A good stone is shaped so that light rays entering it are reflected upward through its "table." Flat-cut or "spread-cut" diamonds are less desirable; they were fashioned that way to minimize waste.

- **Weight counts in price.** Diamonds are measured in "carats" (142 to the oz.) and "points" (100 to the carat). De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd. cites going retail prices as \$205-\$500 per ½ carat and \$600-\$1,210 per carat (unmounted and before tax).

June and the expectation of babies often go hand in hand (August and September are the leading months in births). In this connection, Carl Erhardt, director of New York City's Bureau of Records & Statistics, points out the **value and necessity of a birth certificate.**

Doctors and hospitals sign in all newcomers these days. However, it's still up to you to see to it (1) that you **actually get your child's certificate** — if it doesn't come within a reasonable time, check up; (2) that **every spelling in the document is absolutely correct**; (3) that the **child's given name is supplied** in due time, if you hadn't selected one when the child was born; (4) that you **notify the nearest U. S. consular office** if your child is born abroad; and (5) that the **identity of both parents is clear.**

A birth certificate is the best way of establishing your age, ancestry, and citizenship. It's important in legal situations, for travel, and for some jobs.

If you don't have a birth certificate now, **you still can get one.** Your local authorities will tell you how it can be done by working backwards.





## "I have had lots of troubles"

**A**FTER YEARS OF WORK, the doorway to literary success finally opened. She managed to get her novel, *Moods*, published.

It promptly flopped.

Undaunted, she wrote a second novel, which instantly turned out to be the rage of 1869. Businessmen, lawyers, housewives, everybody read and talked about *Little Women*.

Fortune had finally smiled on Louisa May Alcott. Twenty years had passed between her first writings and *Little Women*—years of privation, struggle, pain. She had worked as a maid, as a paid companion, had nearly lost her life as a Civil War nurse, had once come close to suicide.

Now world-famous, her family secure, she would write many more books. And people would love them.

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## THE RESCUE

By Bernard Arnest

Painted in Stolberg, Germany, in October 1944, it shows medics carrying a wounded infantryman.



# MEN OF WAR

## - The Wounded



Two great paintings which portray the wounded of WW2, and a photograph of men for whom the war is not yet over

## SHOCK TENT

By Robert Benney

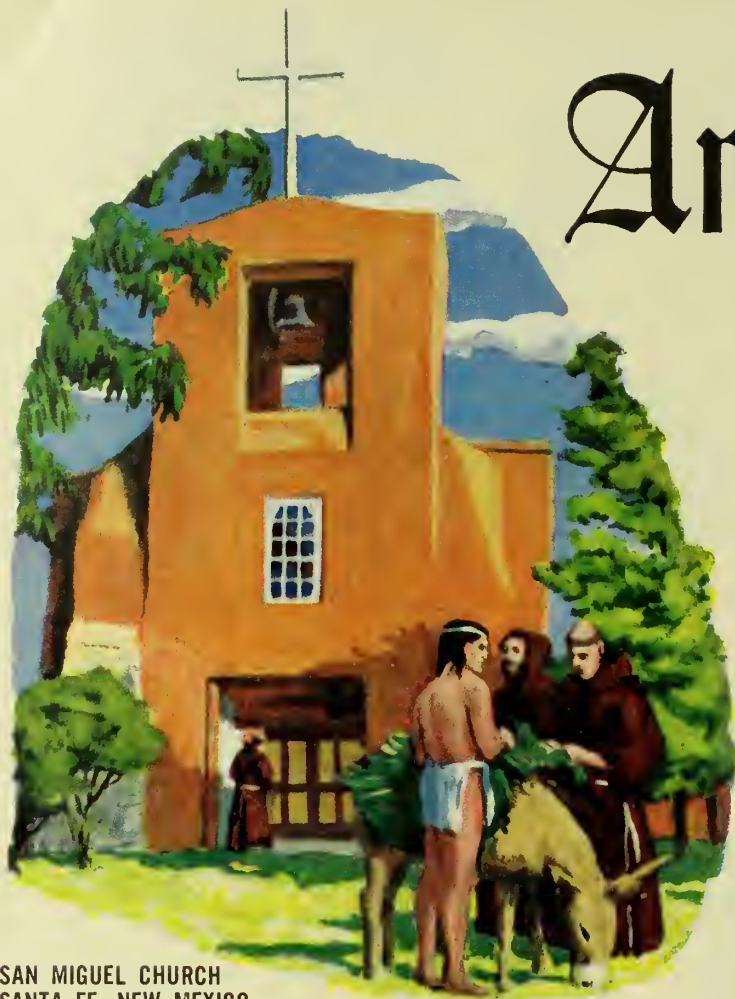
Working on a program sponsored by Abbott Laboratories, the artist executed 31 paintings and sketches in the Western Pacific. This shows the use of plasma.



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# America's Rel



**SAN MIGUEL CHURCH  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

There are some who say that the walls of this venerable structure were erected in 1541 by Tlascala Indians who accompanied Coronado on his expedition of 1539-1542. Others maintain that San Miguel was built in 1610 when Santa Fe was officially founded as the Spanish capital of New Mexico.



**BRUTON PARISH CHURCH, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA**

This is the oldest Episcopal Church in continuous use in the United States. Construction on the present church, the third one erected on this spot, was begun in 1711. George Washington and Patrick Henry worshiped regularly at Bruton Parish. In the steeple hangs the Liberty Bell of Virginia, given to the parish in 1761. On May 15, 1776, it proclaimed American Independence, six weeks ahead of the Philadelphia Liberty Bell.



**FIRST PARISH CHURCH, CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

The present structure, built in 1901, bears a close resemblance to the original building in which an important Provincial Congress met in 1775. John Hancock and Samuel Adams led the meeting.



On this spot the first English house of worship in America was built in 1607. Authorities differ as to the date the tower was built. Some say 1639, others 1699. The Memorial Church was rebuilt in 1907 over the massive three-foot buttressed foundations and tiled chancel of the 1639 building.

**OLD NORTH, BOSTON**

Built in 1723, Old North was used so often for patriotic meetings prior to the Revolution that the British referred to it as "a nest of traitors." It is most famous for its part in Paul Revere's ride on that "18th of April '75."



# gious Roots

Early settlers in the New World, facing the hardships of a vast and unknown wilderness, had one thing in common—an ardent faith in God. Physical evidence of that faith remains in abundance. There are approximately 165 churches built before 1776 which are still standing in the United States. Shown here are some of the most famous of them.



**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA**

On September 8, 1565, Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, a missionary priest from Spain, planted a huge cross in the sand at this spot and offered the first parish Mass in America. Shortly afterward, the priests established the first mission here.



**TEMPLE JESHUAT ISRAEL, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

Usually called Touro Synagogue, it is the oldest Jewish house of worship in the country. It was dedicated in 1763. The congregation itself dates from 1658, and was made up of Jews from Spain and Portugal. The synagogue was designed by Peter Harrison, who was also the designer of King's Chapel in Boston.



**CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA**

This is one of the oldest and handsomest of colonial churches. The present building was begun in 1727, but the church organization dates back to 1659. George Washington was a member of the congregation from 1790 to 1797. Other prominent pewholders were John Adams, Robert Morris, and Betsy Ross.

**ILLUSTRATIONS BY BENJAMIN EISENSTAT**



**SANTA BARBARA MISSION, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA**

The best preserved and most beautiful of the California Franciscan Missions, Santa Barbara was founded in 1786, and has been in constant use since. It contains a valuable museum of records and articles related to the history of missions in the United States.



# THE ATTACK ON DECENCY

The filth peddlers can now intensify their sales efforts, thanks to recent rulings of the courts.

By WALTER BROOKS



Barred for years, this sleazy film landed on Broadway, protected by officialdom.

THE PURVEYORS OF filth have had an amazing windfall. They have found protection for the sale of obscenity. They have also found an ally in their attack against decency. Curiously enough, it is the courts, which might be supposed to safeguard the American family, which are helping them. Professional proponents of civil liberties have made a case against censorship on legal grounds, and they've gone all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States for final authority

Our Founding Fathers might be shocked to know that imposing penalties against pornography is a violation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

When Mr. Justice Frankfurter handed down the Supreme Court decision which held unconstitutional a Michigan law banning obscene books and pictures that endanger the morals of youth, he established a precedent which may strike down all laws aimed at protecting public morality. He created "a new meaning of freedom" for the smut peddlers which will greatly help their business, for pornography always has been profitable. And profit taking at the expense of youth is popular.

Mr. Frankfurter said, "It would re-



Sam Roth has specialized in dirty books for years, but mild treatment by the law has permitted him to continue.



▲ New York City's Corporation Counsel Peter Campbell Brown with a few books of rather questionable nature.

duce the adult population to reading only what is fit for children, and would arbitrarily curtail liberties granted under the due process clause of the Constitution." He submitted that defensive laws to shield juvenile innocence as an exercise in behalf of the public welfare was "to burn down the house to roast a pig." There are some who think the court has burned down the family house, but let the pig escape.

There is nothing new in pornography except the cloak of legality that has been thrown about it—in the name of civil liberties and freedom of the press. Some of us who are old enough may remember a slim pornographic pamphlet with the descriptive title *Only a Boy*,





Teen-agers have no trouble locating pornography. It can be found at most newsstands.



which was frankly filth, and sold surreptitiously, some 50 years ago, at 25¢ a copy, when a quarter of a dollar was a considerable sum for juveniles to spend. The book was passed from hand to hand, and worn out with many readings; but if you were caught with it, you knew there would be punishment for mere possession. In our modern world you can find the same plot structure in the Pulitzer Prize play *Tea and Sympathy*,

which played for 92 weeks on Broadway, and as a motion picture opening at the Radio City Music Hall.

Today it is smart to be smooth in your handling of sex and to portray filth with finesse—for a profit. Recently the motion picture *Baby Doll* was condemned by the Catholic Legion of Decency, and labeled by *Time* magazine as “just possibly the dirtiest American-made motion picture that has ever been legally exhibited.” It was written by Tennessee Williams and directed by Elia Kazan, both of whom have made fortunes with this sort of stuff. Tennessee Williams’ play *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* was notoriously the dirtiest show on Broadway. Mr. Kazan has a long record for directing plays and pictures that have found “paydirt” at the box office. You frequently find similar names and

themes originating from the same sources. Although the smut peddlers operate at different levels, they sell the same goods.

A newspaper byline writer, in the *Chicago Daily News*, commenting on *Baby Doll*, said “That this study in smut should be playing in the most prominent theatre in Chicago is the fruit of years of subtle assault on morals.” Critics were hailing *Baby Doll* as a document that would elevate its audience with a message against bigotry and intolerance. But most of these apologists saw the picture in a private screening room where it is not considered genteel to snicker at art, whether raw or otherwise. The *Chicago Daily News* writer pointed out that, “It is quite a different matter to see the picture with a virile audience”—as he did. There, he said, “The raucous guffaws and bellowing at the innuendos was the kind that salute comedians in burlesque houses. It is difficult to sit in this gents’ room atmosphere and maintain an illusion that you are viewing a work of art.” He adds that next week’s attraction might possibly be *Son of a Baby Doll*—and that the Legion of Decency should not be alone in its fight against filth. But there is concerted action in favor of those who would abandon the family and the old standards of our fathers.

PHOTOS BY ANGELA CALOMIRIS



The producers of off-color motion pictures are not unaware of the fact that much of their money comes from kids like these.

Censorship comes naturally in the consideration of motion pictures because the neighborhood film theater caters to the family and to youth. For many years there has been self-regulation in the film industry—a voluntary Production Code which is a welcome and effective restraint upon those who would violate responsibility to the public. But now censorship can be attacked in the courts, and as part of a campaign conducted in the name of civil liberties the censorship boards in Ohio and Pennsylvania, established for many years, have been nullified. And in both States, their Governors and their people want these censor boards restored with full power. It has been obvious that it wasn’t liberty, but license, that was wanted.

A notorious motion picture is *Mom and Dad* which finally reached New York after having been banned for years—in the public interest. It is a little picture, a small-budget “quickie,” made in six days at a cost of \$67,000; but its producers may claim the most profitable picture of all time, for it has grossed upwards of 20 million dollars. It has been shown to segregated audiences of men and women—and with a selling approach that suggested something indecent, or at least, illegal. The producers have thoroughly enjoyed the name and

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Benn Mitchell, noted magazine photographer whose commercial work includes theatrical assignments, produced this striking study of ballerina Sonya Youskitch with the Eastman Brownie, using Tri-X Film. He used four photoflood lights and developed the film to 1000 ASA.



Constance Bannister, acclaimed as the world's outstanding baby photographer, has a number of movies and books to her credit, all featuring the famous "Bannister babies." For this picture of little Ellen Wright, Miss Bannister used the old Ansco camera.

# PICTURES

In an interesting experiment, eight famous photographers were asked to undertake assignments using

Anton Bruehl, in this picture of the S.S. *United States*, shows why he is in such demand as an advertising photographer. He used the Eastman Box Brownie to get this dramatic shot of the liner.



Fabian Bachrach, world famous for his portraits of men, used the Ansco box to photograph Maj. Gen. John Hilldring, president of General Aniline & Film Corp., with regular studio lighting.



Fritz Henle, one of America's leading photographers and writers on photography, used the Eastman Brownie and Tri-X Film to get this shot of New York's City Hall and the pigeons fluttering about the park.







Donato Leo, well-known magazine and advertising photographer, proves with this candid indoor shot of cartoonist Milton Caniff (and Miss Lace) that "available light" photos can be made with inexpensive equipment. The camera was the Ansco. Exposure was 2 seconds.



Bernie Aumuller, ace news photographer on the *New York Mirror* staff, made this unusual picture at Madison Square Garden with an Ansco camera. Exposure was 3 seconds.

## OUT OF A BOX

ancient box cameras instead of the expensive equipment they customarily use. Here are the pictures they got.



Ansco's No. 2 Box Camera. It was made 35 years ago.



Eastman's No. 2 Brownie. This model was made in 1930.

**By JOSEPH C. KEELEY**

**T**HE NEAREST THING to an automatic camera that has ever been built is the simple box type. All you do is aim it and press the release button or lever. Because it requires no adjustments of lens or shutter it has long been the favorite of millions. Indeed, there are many people who wouldn't want another kind of camera.

There is good reason for this. Over the years the box camera has filled the nation's photo albums with highly creditable snapshots, without fuss or bother. If an occasional picture was no good it was only because it was taken under extraordinary conditions. Certainly it wasn't the camera's fault.

Actually the box camera represents some pretty shrewd thinking. Usually

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Walter Chandoha, foremost photographer of animals, made this study of Muffin Gladstone and Boxer Timmy with the Eastman Brownie and Verichrome Pan Film.







By A. H. ASHTON, CAPT., USN

RECENTLY I NOTICED, in the *Army Times*, that another link with the old days was gone. Like the passing of the horse cavalry to make way for the evil-smelling, self-propelled forts, the carrier pigeons had surrendered to progress. Victims of the transistor, they had given way to the speed and power of electronics. The homing pigeon had stepped aside for a mechanical creation that could go farther and faster but lacked the instinct to fight the elements, the wind and sea and the mighty storm.

Regardless of my sentiment regarding the old days, the retirement of the army pigeons vividly brought back to me what had taken place before we landed our troops on Omaha Beach on a June morning 13 years ago.

The whole affair is so much a mixture of apprehension, superstition, and fact that I'll tell it from the beginning.

But before I do, please remember all of it happened. To this day there has been no explanation of what occurred, nor any suggestion of what *might* have happened on bloody Omaha Beach if our little episode had ended differently. Possibly someone has the clue that would solve the mystery.

Those who believe in omens will read a special meaning into this true story.

Late in the afternoon of the 5th of June, after our division of transports had left Weymouth behind and were well on the way to France, I arrived on the air defense deck, above the bridge. As the chief staff officer, I expected to be on duty until the Normandy landings were over.

The captain, an old friend and a veteran of three previous landings, was already there, and had been for some time. As I approached, he turned. I stopped smartly, clicked my heels and, saluting, gave him a loud and cheerful "Good evening, Captain."

A nearby group of Army officers turned in surprise at the racket I was making. The captain turned with his grin and greeting ready. The little routine was peculiarly our own and we enjoyed the way it disconcerted the uninitiated. More than one D-Day group of passengers had been dismayed by it in the past.

After the ritual was over, his face clouded and I could tell something was wrong—perhaps with me. A quick mental check verified that I had my lifebelt on, that my tin hat was in my hand, and that I was wearing a pistol and a sheath knife.

The gruffness of his next remark made it all clear.

"What are you wearing? Where's your old outfit?"

A look at his face convinced me this was no time to be flippant.

I went below and changed to the gear I had worn for assault landings at Fedala, Scoglitti and, Salerno—the old steaming cap, my own revolver, and the stilettolike knife I had always carried with me.

In a few minutes I was back on the air defense deck where I was greeted by a grin from the captain. "That's better" he said. "We can't afford to miss any bets. We may need your good luck outfit."

ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN McDERMOTT





Jumpiness and superstition on D minus 1 from this expert on assault landings! My own misgivings, until then suppressed, rose to haunt me.

By this time tomorrow we would all know whether Hitler's *Festung Europa* could be cracked by our attack.

Dawn of June 6 would find us facing the beaches and the German defenses in the vicinity of Vierville sur Mer. We would look through the early morning haze for the silhouette of the church spire we had been told would show behind Omaha Beach.

Today skies were partly overcast, and the grey sea ran with a heavy chop. The gales of the day before were gone, but the ships were buffeted by strong gusts of wind. The occasional sunshine couldn't dispel the hint of more bad weather. Landing conditions didn't look favorable for the attack on Omaha Beach.

A whole succession of memories warned me to beware. Only yesterday vicious gales in the Channel had caused the entire invasion to be postponed. The invasion ships had been diverted to other ports, slowed or turned back, or held in port as we had been.

Surely German Intelligence must know we were underway. And they would use every means of communication to pass the word to Hitler's troops

who were waiting behind Omaha Beach.

Of course the Germans knew we were getting ready. Only a little over a week ago Jerry attacked Weymouth harbor, and only a miscalculation had prevented him from delaying the invasion of Europe indefinitely. On the night of the 26th of May the main body of Omaha transports and cargo ships were anchored behind the breakwater at Weymouth, all of them partially loaded and most of them with troops on board.

On that clear night, as our bombers continued to pound the north coast of France, German bombers flew in under our outbound planes and attacked Weymouth harbor at masthead height. Fortunately they dropped mines instead of bombs. Bombs from that height, dropped with complete surprise, could have done irreparable damage. As it was, only

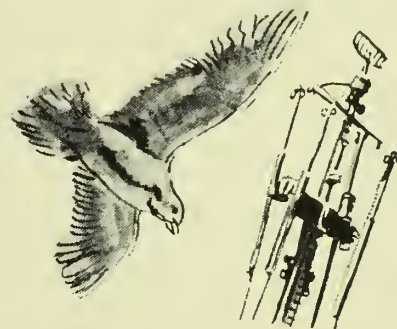


There was a faint, flat crack of the .22. All eyes were on the bird.

slight damage was done as delayed action mines exploded.

Bombers at masthead height are terrifying. I was seared that night, and the memory of that close call added to my jitters now. Similar thoughts were probably bothering the crew and troops too.

There was certainly uneasiness throughout the ship, and it wasn't the normal prelanding feeling. The troops were not relaxing the way I had seen them do before other landings. There was no casual lounging or careful checking of personal weapons. The ship's



company was subdued too. This disturbed me more than anything else. I knew that crew. They were old hands at amphibious war. The *Carroll* had been our flagship at Casablanca, Sicily, and Salerno. Some of the crew had been through all of the landings with us. Most of the others had at least one tough landing under their belts.

I accepted as only natural that the crew would be apprehensive before any landing. But to see signs that their assurance was shaken was hard to accept.

Underneath the normal apprehension that always confronted all of us there was an inward anxiety this time. The crew and troops seemed jumpy, and I knew I was jumpy. I couldn't deny it. And moreover I didn't like it. How widespread was this deep-seated fearful anticipation?

Did they have an inkling that possibly more Nazi troops than General Eisenhower's planners had bargained for were located behind Omaha Beachhead? Was some guardian spirit trying to warn each of us that this was to be the bloodiest beach of all Europe? Was the good fortune that had kept the crew almost casualty-free in three previous invasions still trying to stay with us?

There was good cause for some of our misgivings. The invasion of Europe from the north had been openly demanded, discussed, and predicted for two years. It was obvious that the Nazis could not possibly have overlooked or ignored the military buildup in the south of England. Perhaps their reaction to it was faulty. Their abortive mining of Weymouth could as easily have been a

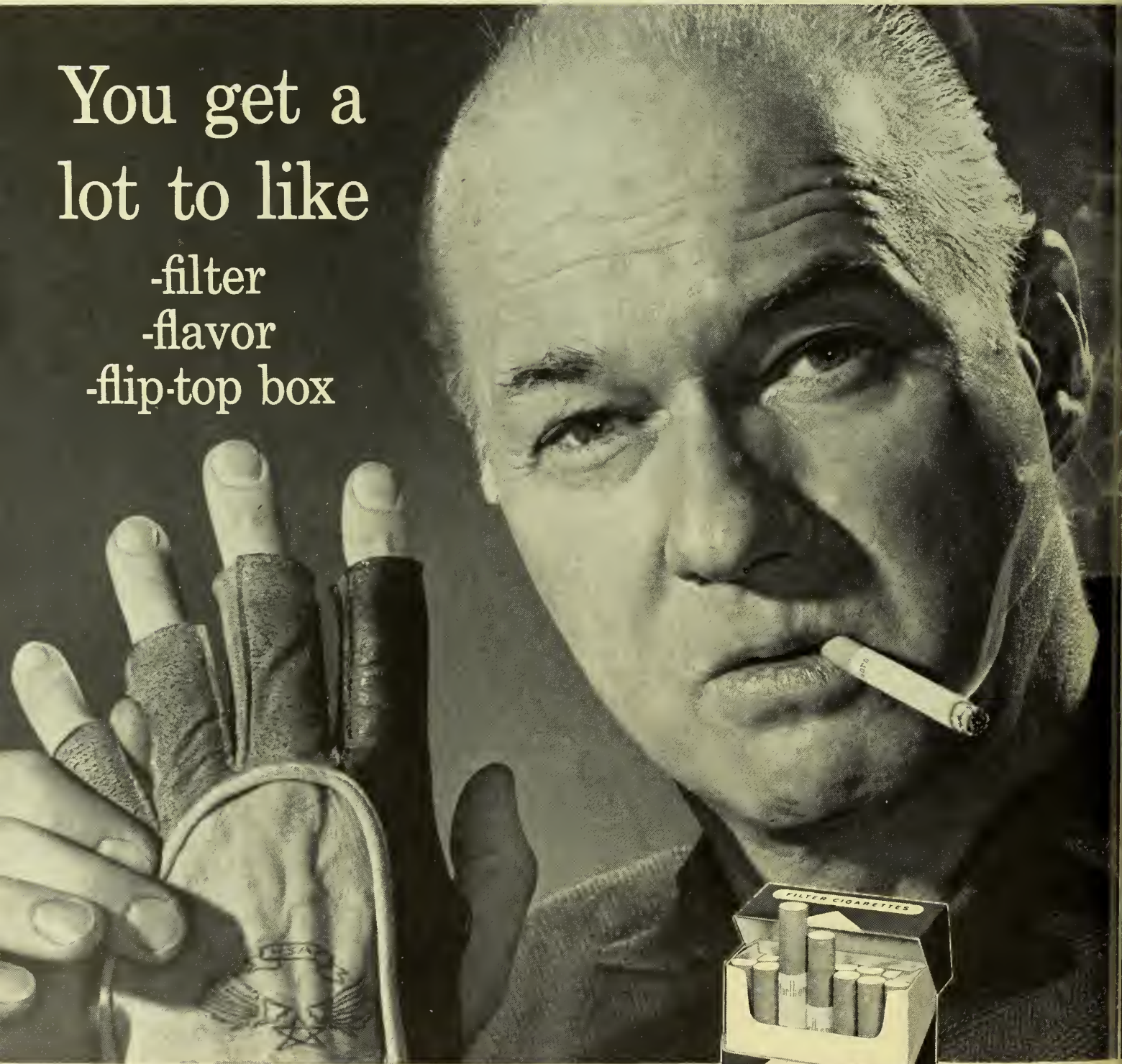
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THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT: SHOULD FEDERAL LAWS

## PERMIT STATES TO ENACT "RIGHT TO WORK" LEGISLATION?

**(PRO)** The pre-emption of state labor laws by Federal legislation constitutes one of the greatest dangers to our whole system of American liberty and enterprise; and the right to work, being one of man's basic guarantees under the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, should be scrupulously protected in those states where it is now upheld by statute.

The essential question, therefore, is not whether Federal labor legislation should permit states to enact Right to Work laws, but rather concerns the propriety of any National labor law which would deny to the states their rightful function in seeking, through such legislation, to activate the fundamental liberties to which their citizens are entitled.

In terms of the Constitutional proscriptions against compulsion without due process of law, and man's inalienable right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is proper to anticipate ultimate national acceptance of the principle of the right to work. Whether or not this objective is ever attained, however, the individual states should certainly retain the right to institute by legislation such protection of the people's freedoms — just as, indeed, by the terms of Right to Work laws, all men are able to pursue their chosen employment opportunities without any prerequisite considerations of membership or non-membership in a labor union organization.

It is difficult to imagine how in America, the land of the free, it could be otherwise. Universally, compulsory unionism is frowned upon, despite the fact that there are countries that are far more unionized than the United States. Seven of these have compulsory unionism in some form, but none by law. The other countries prohibit it, except in rare cases; and, in these instances, by collective agreement only. Leaders around the globe recognize that, in compulsion, you also have the seeds of self-destruction. Let no statute of the Federal Government ever take away from the citizens of this Country their freedom to join or not to join, in accordance with rights clearly specified by the Constitution!



(R) U.S.S.  
Barry Goldwater, U.S. Senator from Arizona

**(CON)** My answer is "No." In my judgment the individual states do not have the right to secede for one special purpose in a field constitutionally covered by federal legislation.

Federal legislation has covered the field of labor-management relations for 22 years. The National Labor Relations Act reaches every major phase of employees' rights to organize and union-management relations in industry and business affecting interstate commerce.

What reason can there be for taking one aspect of this field and turning it over to the States? The Taft Hartley Act permits the union shop, but also permits the States to ban even that limited form of union security by misnamed "right-to-work" laws. The clear purpose is to invite legislation that places greater restrictions on unionization.

The "union shop" provision of national law permits an employer to agree with a union which represents a majority of his employees that all employees join the union. Senator Taft believed and Congress agreed that employees who benefit from union representation should share the reasonable cost of that representation.

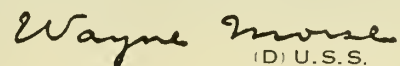
Such provisions assure majority unions that companies are not trying to destroy them. They contribute to the mutual trust required for decent labor-management relations.

Both the Wagner and Taft-Hartley Acts declare it national policy to encourage collective bargaining through unions freely chosen by employees to promote confidence and labor peace.

The so-called "right to work" laws are anti-union laws. They defeat national policy by hamstringing unions and encouraging labor-management distrust and economic struggle. This is not wholesome.

Our national economy is not bounded by State lines. Industry and commerce in all parts of the country are interrelated. Many companies operate in many States.

We cannot have a sound federal policy by permitting 48 different rules on the same subject.



(D) U.S.S.  
Wayne Morse, U.S. Senator from Oregon



# STARS & STRIPES ON DISPLAY

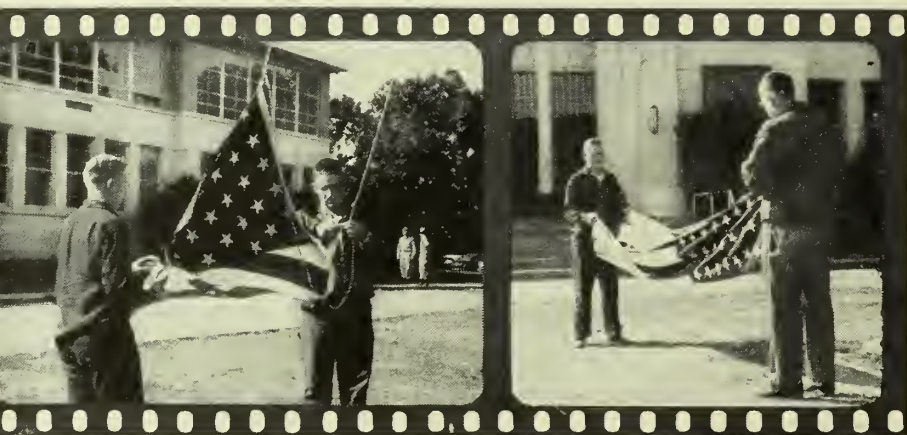
The Flag Code is explained in  
a newly released color film.

THE PICTURES ON these two pages are scenes taken from *Stars & Stripes on Display*, a 14½-minute, 16-mm. color-sound film made by the Audio-Visual Center of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

The motion picture shows the proper methods of displaying the flag and paying respect to it. The City of Crown Point, Ind., lent its facilities for several of the scenes, and many of its citizens served as actors. The script was prepared under the supervision of the Educational Committee, National Americanism Commission of The American Legion.

Prints of the film—cleared for TV—are available from the Audio-Visual Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. The movie offers every Post an opportunity to have a community project at low cost. The Americanism Commission hopes that Posts will obtain prints and either give them to schools or hold screenings for student body and other gatherings.

THE END



These two youngsters, lowering the flag in front of their school, know that it should never touch the ground.

This is the ceremony of folding the flag into a triangle resembling a cocked hat—blue field out.



A storekeeper packing the flag for storage folds it square and puts it in a box.



The flag is placed to the speaker's right, as he faces the audience.



Displayed on a wall with another flag, the American Flag is on its own right, its staff in front.



When displayed with other flags, the American Flag must be of equal height.



Usually in parades the American Flag is carried on the right.



It can, however, also be carried ahead of the other flags.



Worn flags are burned. Page 27 has more details on this ceremony.





The largest free-flying flag in the world, owned by the Port of New York Authority, flies from one of the towers of the George Washington Bridge. When flown in this fashion, the flag's union must point to the north (as shown here) or to the east.



Uniformed members of the Armed Forces pay respect to the American Flag by giving the military salute.



Ladies keep hats on, place their right hand over their heart. An alien does not salute, but stands at attention.



Hatless civilians stand at attention, face the flag, and salute by placing their right hand over their heart.

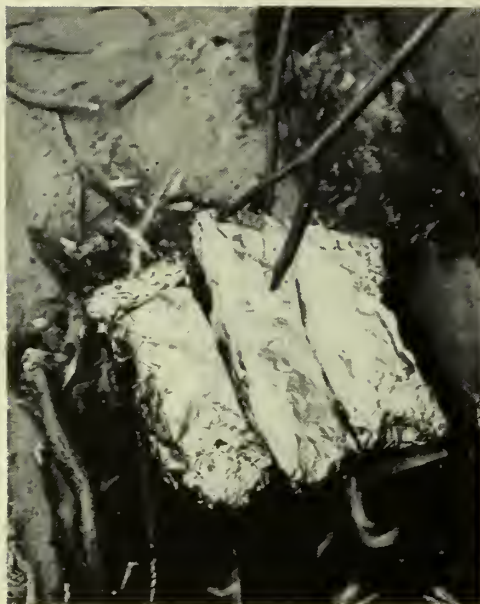


Men, when wearing a hat, salute the American flag by removing the hat and holding it over their heart.





Homer King with his lard-can camp stove.



Wrap fish in foil and place in the fire.



Foil can also be used as a frying pan.

# *Camping Made Easy*

Some new ideas that should add to your camping pleasure.

**By ERWIN A. BAUER**

**I**'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER a camp Bill Browning and I made in a lonely canyon along the Missouri River in Montana. Lewis and Clark, who had camped there a century and a half before, named it Gates of the Mountains because the granite palisades on both banks seemed to close in on them.

That's a fairly remote section of western real estate; so we had solitude aplenty, incomparable scenery all around, and miles of topnotch fishing water to ourselves. We caught eight fine rainbows on the first evening rise, but mostly I remember how we enjoyed all this in complete comfort—under canvas, but with nearly all the conveniences of home.

We'd reached the place by boat and had carried along everything we needed to live for a week—plus fishing tackle and cameras. Our tent was a new, light, cotton model no larger than a tackle box when rolled up. Our "kitchen" was a compact, collapsible gasoline stove. For sleeping, we had a couple of feath-

erweight bags, with quilted air mattresses. Along with plenty of food and a small ice chest, we had everything necessary for a week of fishing, for exploring the upside-down country all around us, and simply for loafing. But best of all, it didn't cost us any more than staying at home for the same period of time.

Our trip was something that fishermen or outdoor fans can duplicate almost anywhere in the land. Nowhere else in the world are there so many places to go—all free. Camping and fishing is a combination you just can't beat. You can sample the finest fishing holes in America that way, and you can do it on a meager budget. Your overhead is reduced to an initial outlay for camping gear and to the food you eat on the trip. It's a completely uncomplicated way to enjoy leisure time. And every trip is a brandnew adventure.

To combine camping and fishing is to make the most of both. It's a case of being on the water precisely when the most action occurs—when insect hatches



Camping out of a trailer gives greater comfort and permits longer vacations.





MORSAN TENTS

An umbrella tent is easy to set up and affords fine protection.

begin, when fish begin to forage, when the tide changes, or after a summer shower—rather than spending the time traveling to and from the water. Camp can be a semipermanent affair at the edge of a lake or stream or it can be an Ozark float trip or a North Woods canoe trip where new and different camps are set up every night. It might simply be a station wagon parked as near as possible to the best fishing in the region. The results are invariably the same—new experiences and wholesome recreation — to say nothing of more fish for the home freezer.

To take a camping-fishing trip anywhere requires some basic equipment. Fishing tackle can be kept to a minimum and the type will depend on the fish and fishing available locally. But to set up a camp, it's essential to have shelter, cooking equipment and utensils, food, and sleeping gear. Most readers of this magazine are familiar with this basic gear and there's no need to describe it. How elaborate any of it will be depends on how well the campers enjoy the creature

comforts. Old fishing buddies, for example, will usually require fewer of these than a family, which may not be too experienced at living outdoors. Of course you'll need less gear, generally, for warmer climates.

A tent is an obvious necessity, but veterans will be surprised at the new models on the market this year. Some of these are a far cry from the equipment used in the last generation of military service. There are collapsible umbrella and "pop" tents, for example, which open automatically like the tops of convertibles. Some of these can be converted to duckblinds or ice shanties later in the year. Tubular aluminum or glass ribbed models have been developed for canoe camping. "Aluminized" fabric on some models greatly reduces heat inside on hot days, and it holds heat on cooler days. All of the new deluxe models have floors and screens installed. Some have zippered fronts to which screened porches and patios can be attached.

Another new camping development is to freeze food beforehand and then carry it in one of the newest portable refrigerators. Stews, chili, meats, even tea and coffee are frozen in plastic containers and the cold bulk of these keeps them fresh for an entire two-week vacation. The frozen block of tea, for example, can serve as a cooling agent and can be used as it melts. Few developments have saved as much as this one, or have made camping as much easier.

There's nothing just like a campfire on a summer's evening, but when the

weather is warm, cooking is more pleasant on a gasoline or propane stove. On the new models it's possible to cook anything in any manner it can be cooked at home. The best pots, pans, and dishes are those aluminum models which come in complete nesting sets. Such a set, to serve five people any type of meal, weighs only five pounds and sells for only 12 dollars.

You can cook anything in camp you can cook at home with the latest equipment, but every experienced camper knows the value of keeping the menu simple. Try broiling as many foods as possible, perhaps over charcoal, because constant frying and a diet of greasy foods often cause upset stomachs. Freshly caught fish, for instance, usually are better broiled than fried. Camp stews are easy to make, even for a large number of campers, and they're nutritious and tasty as well.

A look at the new equipment suggests that camp cooks may be going soft while they rough it.

Like an army, campers may travel mostly by vehicle and shanks' mare, but eventually they must travel on their stomachs. Nowadays all a camp cook must do is remember to carry a can opener and find a source of pure water. Like a young bride, the cook can get a complete meal out of a can, and for syrup and pancakes all he has to do is break out a packet of powder no bigger than a tobacco pouch, mix with water, and stir.

Fluffy pies, tasty foodstuffs not usually associated with the great outdoors, also come in powder form and are as easily made under a tree as in the kitchen. The emphasis is on dehydrated foods, but they're far more palatable than World War II vintage.

No trip should be organized without a generous supply of aluminum foil because it's probably the most versatile and the most valuable single item in a camp nowadays. It has enough uses to fill several volumes. By using a double thickness and simply by folding edges upwards around a flat surface, it can be fashioned into a skillet, a shallow cooking container, or a plate. Shaped around the end of a fishing rod case, it makes a fine drinking cup. Hours of dishwashing can be saved on a camping trip by using foil as a disposable liner for pots, pans, broilers, and the like.

A simple reflector-type oven (for rolls, biscuits, fish) can be made from a single sheet of foil. So can a barbecue pit. To place the coals on top of a sheet of foil will magnify several times the source of heat. To line a wooden or cardboard box with foil is to provide a simple, hasty chest for keeping foods cool or warm.

Cooking becomes absolutely elemen-

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# LEGION ROD AND GUN CLUB



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

**SUMMERS-WHITEHEAD POST**, Chattanooga, Tenn., announce their first annual Fishing Rodeo to take place June 15th through July 22nd inclusive. The slogan is, "I'm gonna TAKE A KID FISHING." There are two requirements: (1) have a ticket (cost one buck), and (2) have some youngster (boy or girl) under the age of 16 with you. The waters to be fished are from Running Water Creek to immediately below Watts Bar Dam. This includes all of its tributaries and all of Chickamauga Lake with all its tributaries. Prizes for the largest fish in each species caught each week will be given. Grand prizes awarded at end of rodeo. An aluminum boat and outboard motor will be given away at a drawing of the stubs of ticket holders. Cane poles, spinning, fly-casting and baitcasting rigs are the only permissible tackle. Any natural or artificial baits may be used. For complete information write Richard H. Woodward, Chairman Rodeo Committee, Summers-Whitehead Post, American Legion, Chattanooga, Tenn.



**HARRY W. GAUS**, 3707 Wetzel St., Wheeling, W. Va., tells us that when fishing he often wears chest-high waders that fit loosely around the waist. "I have found," he says, "that by wearing a belt snugly around my waist, outside of the waders of course, that I not only have a convenient place to fasten my stringer, but the clasped belt helps keep the lower part of my body dry."

**THE SOUTH BEND TACKLE CO.**, South Bend, Ind., tells us that after years of research it's come up with a fly line, "The Banshee," with a permanized finish surface so smooth that it is practically friction free. They claim that "The Banshee" can be frozen in a solid cake of ice, plunged into hot water, then boiled, with practically no water absorption and no ill effect to the finish. Also that the line can be knotted, twisted, and accidentally abused—all without kinking or permanent damage. Fly fishermen take note: big words about "The Banshee."

**POND MAPS** of up to five different ponds are available free from Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game, Westboro, Mass. The maps show depth, fishing history, and other information of interest to fishermen. Those requesting the maps should enclose stamped, self-addressed, legal-sized envelopes. The limit of five maps is imposed because of a restricted supply. The announcement lists 56 ponds.



**WE RECENTLY HAD** the opportunity of shooting a 20-gauge Remington Sportsman-58 Power-Matic Autoloading Shotgun. This is Remington's handsome new automatic which permits you to adjust for light or heavy loads by means of a "Dial-A-Matic" selector. Because of this the gun had no noticeable recoil whatsoever, regardless of the shells being fired, and this was doubtless a factor in the way it powdered a long string of clay birds.

Apart from operating efficiency of a high order, the Sportsman-58 is one of the best-looking shotguns on the market. Stock and fore-end are of selected wood, beautifully finished, and the engraving would do credit to a gun selling at twice the price of \$136.45.

**BASIC RIFLE INSTRUCTION**, a 64 page and cover illustrated booklet published by the NRA is available free to all interested in proper and accurate shooting. The booklet may be used as a handbook for the instructor or as a textbook for the student. You're bound to be a better shooter after you have read this booklet. To get your free copy write to Club Section, National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

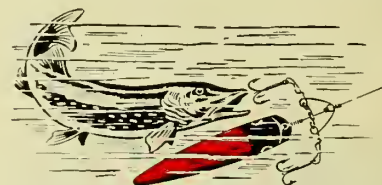
**EVERY YEAR** we're asked which States lead in number of fishing licenses sold, thus the number of fishermen. To settle all arguments we run the big ten:

	1955-56
*California .....	1,319,190
Minnesota .....	1,232,647
Michigan .....	1,150,662
Wisconsin .....	1,011,835
Ohio .....	880,075
Indiana .....	844,112
Illinois .....	739,801
Tennessee .....	728,429
New York .....	719,780
Pennsylvania .....	719,715

\*Includes salt water licenses.

**BYRON BROOKS**, R. D. 3, Lexington, N. C., doesn't believe in the old "hungry gut" fisherman adage. "Cut a piece of copper screening 10 by 15," he says, "roll it up and carry it in your creel. When you catch that fat bass or trout, support the screen on stones over a hot bed of coals, and broil your catch. Not only does this save you the trouble of packing a frying pan, but the fish cooks in its own juice and is tastier than anything out of a pan."

**A. MITCHELL**, P. O. Box 422, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a man with courage. He deals in new fishing lures and has a list of most of the best. His sales gimmick is unusual. He will allow from 25 to 40 cents for your old lures no matter what their condition. His only stipulation is that for each new lure you purchase from him, you receive credit for only one used lure. In other words, you receive credit for six used lures toward the purchase of six new lures, but you cannot trade six used lures for one new lure. Write for list of new lures.



**A NEW GADGET**, the "Fish Fooler," an offset hook harness that capitalizes on the tendency of fish to lead a moving lure, has been placed on the market by the Modern Manufacturing Co., Bronson, Mich. The "Fooler" puts hooks up front, where the fish actually strike, and its hooks are offset to snag the fish that strike short. Priced at \$1.00, it comes in bait casting and spinning models.

**L. G. LaROCQUE**, 54 Bay View, Burlington, Vt., offers: "If you want to remove the scales from fish without fuss, just hold them under the hot water faucet until they begin to turn whitish and you'll find that the scales will peel off as easily as a glove."

**ACCORDING TO A** recent article in *Oklahoma Game and Fish News*, by Robert M. Jenkins, director, Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, a total of 501,364 persons fished in Oklahoma in 1955. They spent \$34,400,000 or \$68.70 per fisherman. Fishing is truly big business.

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# What happens to wornout American Flags?



When Old Glory is worn and tattered, be sure it gets an honorable disposal.

By **ROBERT B. PITKIN**

**A**ERICAN CELLARS and attics hold many wornout American flags which the owners have stored away because they don't know what to do with them, don't care to be seen sneaking one into a garbage pail, don't know if that would be all right or not.

It would not, and on these pages members of Post 139, Lyndhurst, N. J., which conducts official Flag Day flag-burning ceremonies for all Posts in Bergen County, N. J., demonstrate how to—and how not to—dispose of old American flags.

The flag should never be treated as trash, no matter its tattered condition, nor left to any unknown fate. The Flag Code of the United States provides that: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way." The code adds: "preferably by burning."

In death, as in life, the worn flag should not touch the ground, but should be burned on a rack or stand, or in a container or furnace, and offered the deference of a parting salute as it burns. Kerosene or other flammables, handled safely by adults, may be used to speed

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Hold it, Joe! Don't throw Old Glory in the garbage pail! (Joe won't. He's just showing what not to do.)



At the very least, burn old American flags in private ceremony, off the ground, with a parting salute, as Joe Russell, his children and Art Feitzinger do here.

PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO



Better, Legionnaires should collect old flags door-to-door, as Tim Regan and Mrs. Harry Hanson illustrate.



And bright new flags should be sold to those who surrender old, as was done on this Lyndhurst (N. J.) street.



Then the old flags should be honorably burned in a public Legion ceremony on Flag Day, similar to this respectful disposal of hundreds of worn flags collected by Legionnaires in Bergen County, N. J., last year.





A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

### RHODE ISLAND OKAYS KOREA BONUS:

The State of Rhode Island General Assembly has approved payment of a bonus for service during the Korean conflict, to begin July 1....Bonus was approved at the polls last Election Day, but technical delays postponed final implementation.... Bonus is a flat rate for living veterans of \$200.... \$300 is payable to specific survivors of Korea-period vets who died of service-connected causes.... Widows have first priority on \$300 claim....If no widow, then orphans....If no orphan, then parents....Applications must be in by Dec. 31, 1957.

For full details, and to apply, write after July 1, to: Korean Bonus Commission, the Armory of Mounted Commands, North Main St., Providence, R. I.

### DELAWARE EXTENDS BONUS DEADLINES:

Delaware General Assembly has extended deadlines for filing applications for WW2 bonus to Jan. 30, 1958, and for Korea bonus to Jan. 1, 1958....For details and to apply, write: Paul Podolsky, President-Director, Veterans Military Pay Commission, P.O. Box 966, Wilmington, 99, Del.

### UNORGANIZED VETS SUFFER BY BEING OUT OF TOUCH WITH VETERANS AFFAIRS:

"Newsletter" is continually amazed at the constant turning up of new cases in which veterans or their widows--completely out of touch with the Legion and veterans affairs--have suffered tragic loss of benefits, usually when most needed.

Such vets usually have not joined a vet's organization, don't get the constant flow of information in such magazines as this which may vitally affect their welfare, and often have sacrificed their rights by attempting to process their own claims with the VA without using (or even knowing of the existence) of the expert, free representation that is available to them through the Legion chain of service officers.

Many vets benefits are applicable especially when tragedy strikes, but rights to such benefits sometimes have to be established long before such calamity....Thousands of vets, being well off and in good health, ignore their status as veterans until too late.

Recently, a WW2 vet with two "minor" service-connected disabilities suddenly died as the result of one of them....He left a widow with three small children....When a neighboring Legionnaire tried to help the widow and children it came out that the vet, in his attempt to have one of his disabilities established as service-connected while acting as his own service officer, gave up in disgust and never tried to service-connect the second disability that eventually killed him....Now the Legion is trying to establish the service-connec-

tion after his death, a far more difficult thing to do than while he lived....Had he asked the Legion to establish the service-connection of both disabilities while he lived the prospects for compensation for the widow and children would have been much greater.

A few years ago, a Mississippi Negro woman, in a chance talk with a Legion service officer, said that her veteran son had died several years earlier, and the VA had not paid his WW2 insurance benefits because the vet had missed several premiums....The service officer looked into the case, discovered that the deceased vet had been entitled to a waiver of premiums, and on a second appeal succeeded in collecting the full \$10,000 insurance....Only a chance conversation prevented permanent loss.

A WW1 vet recently received more than \$20,000 to which he had been entitled, in annual increments, since 1921!...His WW1 insurance policy provided that if he were to become totally and permanently disabled, the policy would pay him benefits....He was permanently and totally disabled in 1921, and continued to pay premiums on his policy for more than thirty years after it should have been paying him....Again, only a chance conversation with a neighbor who was in touch with veterans affairs referred him to a Legion service officer who easily got him a refund of more than \$20,000.

Thousands of vets and their families who remain out of touch with veterans affairs aren't so lucky.

### WHERE TO WRITE FOR SERVICE MEDALS:

Because of continued requests, "Newsletter" herewith reprints the addresses to which former servicemen should write to receive service medals to which they may be entitled:

ARMY: Commanding Officer, Army Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis 14, Mo.

NAVY: Naval Records Management Center, Awards and Decorations Division, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis 14, Mo.

MARINES: Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Decorations and Medals Branch, Washington 25, D.C.

AIR FORCE (If now a reservist): Commander, Air Reserve Records Center, 3800 York St., Denver, Colo.

AIR FORCE (Not now a reservist): Air Force Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis 14, Mo.

COAST GUARD: Commandant, U.S.C.G. Hq., Washington 25, D.C.

Request should identify self with clearly printed name, address, service number and rank, and need merely ask for "all service medals to which I am entitled." ...There is a service medal that corresponds to every service ribbon except the three Philippine service ribbons, the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon and the Navy Unit Commendation ribbon.



# NEWS *of The American Legion*

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## Nat'l Executive Committee Holds Lively May Meetings

The annual spring meetings of the American Legion Nat'l Executive Committee (NEC) were held at Nat'l Hq. in Indianapolis on May 1 and 2.

The meetings were highlighted by vigorous debate on many subjects, including the continuance of foreign aid, what to do about the shortage of GI housing loan funds, the moving of the Legion's Nat'l Security staff from Indianapolis to Washington, and the extension of GI educational benefits to peacetime servicemen.

Of more than fifty resolutions adopted, the more noteworthy ones included:

- ☐ A vigorous foreign policy statement calling for an end to all foreign aid except military aid, and a positive U. S. foreign policy to replace what was characterized as a "crisis philosophy."

- ☐ A demand that the interest rate on GI home loans be made flexible.

- ☐ Opposition to reduction of benefits to vets while in Federal homes or hospitals.

- ☐ Approval of a Congressional study of the electoral college system of voting for President and Vice President of the United States.

- ☐ A resolution calling for an end to deducting vets disability benefits from Social Security disability benefits.

- ☐ A review of existing child labor laws, with a possible view to permitting such necessary employment of children as does not interfere with schooling and health. (The Legion, an early supporter of the present child labor laws in the Twenties, is now concerned that in being too restrictive, such laws may be contributing to juvenile delinquency).

- ☐ Authority to produce both a motion picture and a comic book telling the aims and objectives of The American Legion.

- ☐ Opposition to proposals that non-citizen veterans residing abroad be denied benefits to which they are now eligible.

- ☐ A careful review of Hungarian refugees before qualifying them for permanent residence.

- ☐ A request that Columbia Pictures Corp. drop its contemplated employment of screen-writer Carl Foreman, a "Fifth Amendment" witness.

### Auxiliary and 40&8

At its opening session, before the NEC embarked on two days of vigorous debate over many resolutions, Mrs. Carl W. Zeller (Ohio), Nat'l President of The American Legion Auxiliary, appeared in a smartly tailored blue dress and bright red hat and presented Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel (Va.) with a basket of May poppies.

Concealed in the poppy clusters were checks to The American Legion of \$20,000 for Child Welfare, \$10,000 for the Child Welfare Foundation, and \$25,000 for Rehabilitation.

Then, from a cluster of forget-me-nots, she produced an additional check for \$20,000 from the Auxiliary for an Americanism textbook.

Mrs. Zeller pinned on Nat'l Cmdr Daniel his Memorial Day poppy for 1957 and collected a coin from him in a tin can, distributed poppies to all members of the NEC, and announced that her granddaughter would take her place

in pinning his 1957 poppy on Pres. Eisenhower.

She was followed by Chester W. Naumowitz (Md.), Chef de Chemin de Fer of the 40&8. Nat'l Cmdr Daniel and Chef Naumowitz exchanged congratulations on the excellent cooperation between the Legion and the 40&8 during the year, and Naumowitz, commending the "fine spirit of comradeship and working together as one family" of the two organizations, presented Cmdr Daniel with the 40&8's check for \$50,000 for the Legion's Child Welfare program.

Cmdr Daniel lauded the gift as a "generous manifestation" which he promised the Legion would use to "reflect credit on both organizations."

### GI Loans

Chmn Stanley M. Huffman (Nebr.) gave the report of the Nat'l Economic Commission. He reported that little progress is being made, in spite of considerable effort, in bettering the employment status of older and handicapped persons.

Veterans preference in Federal jobs is under continued severe and organized attack, Huffman said, but these attacks

## OUTSTANDING LEGION PROJECTS: Mexico



**ONE LEGION POST** gave this school to the town of La Magdalena Petlacalco, Mexico. When the town's original school collapsed in heavy rains in 1955, Alan Seeger Post 2, Mexico City, provided the new \$25,000 building, gratefully named *Escuela American Legion*. In inset, Mexican officials receive new school from Post 2 Cmdr Harry Wright.



are being successfully counteracted so far.

The shortage of lending funds for veterans housing remains unrelieved and is getting worse, he reported. He told the NEC that his commission supports the earlier action of the NEC in urging a flexible interest rate on GI loans so that vets may enjoy a better competitive position for such housing funds as are available.

The GI home loan question touched off one of the prolonged debates of the meetings. Past Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins (N. Mex.), chmn of a special Legion committee on GI loans, whose report urging flexible interest rates for GI loans was adopted by the NEC in a mail vote in January, gave an extensive account of the hearings and investigation his special committee had held.

The most obvious difficulty vets face when seeking home loans, he said, is that the general rate of interest for other loans has become so inflated that vets, with their fixed 4½% rate, can't compete with other borrowers.

As a result, there are hidden discounts on most GI loans now made, making the actual cost much higher than 4½%.

Collins moved that the earlier NEC position favoring a flexible GI interest rate be reiterated, in view of some confusion about the official Legion position.

Following a warm debate, a special committee, comprised of Collins, Past Nat'l Cmdr Arthur Connell (Conn.) and NECman Walter Alessandroni (Pa.), retired to draft a resolution.

Returning later in the day, the committee moved to reaffirm the January mail vote for flexible rates, while Alessandroni tendered a minority report calling for the veterans' interest rate to remain at 4½%.

After prolonged discussion, ending with a roll call, the flexible rate was supported by a vote of 29-18.

Among highlights of debate was a humorous plea for common sense in support of flexible rates by North Dakota NECman William Stern, Fargo banker and airline official. Following Stern's rollicking speech, South Dakota NECman Claude Hamilton pointed out that Stern's bank in Fargo was about the only place in that part of the country where a veteran could get an undiscounted 4½% housing loan today.

"Stern does it because he's a great Legionnaire," said Hamilton. "Under the present system a GI loan is no longer a business deal."

#### Direct Loans

The NEC also disapproved of proposals to use the Nat'l Service Life Insurance trust fund for direct GI home loans.

On the subject of relieving the GI loan situation by direct government loans of any sort to vets, Collins pointed out that no such proposals can meet the need. The most that is proposed is one billion dollars, he reported, while the annual demand for GI home loans runs between five and seven billion.

The NEC also adopted a resolution of the Nat'l Economic Commission opposing extension of veterans preference in gov't jobs to vets of peacetime service.

#### Cut Back Foreign Aid

Foreign aid programs of the U.S. took the spotlight on the floor of the NEC meetings following the lengthy report of the Foreign Relations Commission, given by Chm Rogers Kelley (Tex.).

The Commission moved adoption, among other things, of a resolution outlining the history of U.S. foreign aid programs, and urging increased limitations on such programs, which were initiated more than ten years ago for the now-completed job of helping WW2 allies recover from wartime economic dislocations.

James Hill, NECman from the D. C., took the floor and urged a much stronger position against foreign aid.

Germany, he said, has reduced taxes three times while getting U.S. aid; the Congress, he reported, is fed up with the apparently endless aid program but believes the people have been sold on it in what Hill characterized as a "brainwashing."

The time has come for public expressions to convince Congress that it is under no public pressure to continue aid programs indefinitely into the future, he said.

#### End it All?

He then offered the NEC a substitute resolution asking that "foreign aid, military and economic, cease."

On a standing vote, Hill's motion was defeated. Malcolm Champlin, California NECman, then indicated that the majority of the committee was concerned about military aid in downing Hill's motion.

Champlin offered a substitute motion that "all foreign aid, except military, should cease," and on another standing vote the motion carried, 24-20.

#### USIA

Included in the Foreign Relations policy statement was a request for an "adequate budget" for the U.S. Information Agency, recently in the news as a budget-cutting target for Congress.

Past Nat'l Cmdr Lewis Gough (Calif.) supported the resolution against some questioning from the floor.

Gough said USIA is a valuable psy-

chological warfare weapon, and emphasized that Russia spends more than two billion dollars on foreign propaganda against slightly more than \$100,000 for USIA.

Gough emphasized that the NEC resolution did not specify the dollar amount of the USIA budget, but reflected Legion support of the USIA purposes.

The proposal was adopted.

#### Hot Side Issue

A side issue made the report of the Nat'l Security Commission, given by Chmn Will Nicholson, Mayor of Denver, one of the most exciting of the meetings.

Nicholson reported there is some improvement in the nat'l military manpower situation, but that a paper military ready reserve of 2½ million probably would not provide more than 900,000 trained effectives in an emergency. Universal military training therefore remains necessary, though non-existent, he reported.

At the end of his remarks Nicholson touched off an explosion by commenting that he was opposed to an order of Nat'l Cmdr Daniel to shift the staff of the Nat'l Security Commission from Indianapolis to Washington, as of June 15.

The subsequent debate, focussing on Legion internal management rather than nat'l security, covered parts of two days of the meetings.

Picked up by Past Nat'l Cmdr John Stelle (Ill.), the debate raged around whether there was a moral or legal obligation to the State of Indiana to maintain all divisions of the Legion now located there at the Indianapolis Hq.

In 1945, the Legion amended its constitution to assure Indiana that it would keep its Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis, and on that basis the State provided the Legion's new Nat'l Hq there.

Arguments and testimony, pro and con, about the meaning of the shift of the small Nat'l Security staff to Washington were offered by Stelle, Past Nat'l Cmdrs Roane Waring (Tenn.); Milo Warner (Ohio); Paul Griffith (Pa.) and Warren Atherton (Calif.), as well as by NECmen Alessandroni; Lawrence Hinds (Ind.); Thomas Miller (Nev.); James Wagonseller (Ohio); David Brigham (Md.); Hill; John Curtiss (Nebr.); Joseph Leonard (Conn.); William McKinley (N. J.) and Preston Moore (Okla.).

The question was a sensitive one in that numerous proposals had been put forth in the Indiana legislature in the past year for the State to recapture some of the office space it provides for Legion Hq.

As the beginnings of the debate had been featured in the Indianapolis press,



final action on the second day emerged in two different resolutions.

One approved moving the Nat'l Security staff to Washington, nearer the Defense Dep't and the Congressional committees handling military affairs, while the other assured Indiana that this was not the beginning of an exodus, and that the Legion intends to remain in Indianapolis.

#### Peacetime GIs

The Nat'l Security Commission also reported that it had studied bills now in Congress to extend GI education benefits to peacetime servicemen, and was opposed to them.

After some debate on the question, the NEC approved opposition to such benefits on a general basis, but called for a study of the possibility of granting GI education to peacetime servicemen in individual cases where service has interfered with their education. (The average present induction age is close to 23 years.)

#### Condemn UN?

On the second day of the meeting, the NEC heard an address by Past Nat'l Cmdr Alvin Owsley (Tex.) condemning internationalism and reliance of U.S. foreign policy on the United Nations, which Owsley called: "A vast monument to bad judgment."

While both convention and NEC actions have been critical of the UN and the State Dep't, Legion policy continues to support the basic purposes of the UN, and Owsley urged a reversal of this position.

#### Rehabilitation

Chmn Robert M. McCurdy (Calif.) gave the report of the Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission.

Policies adopted by the NEC at the recommendation of the Rehabilitation Commission included:

( Asked Two resolutions to protect incom-

petent veterans' rights to service insurance coverage, if they return to competency after having been incompetent during periods when they might have insured themselves.

( A resolution urging that survivors of vets who have a choice of benefits under PL881 continue to have a right of election, and that their first choice no longer be irrevocable.

#### Americanism

The report of the Americanism Commission was given by Chmn James F. Daniel, Jr. (S.C.).

Among the Americanism resolutions adopted were resolutions which:

( Asked the major baseball leagues to cooperate in naming the week of the Major League All Star game "American Legion Junior Baseball Week."

( Asked Legion Posts to observe the 100th birthday of Theodore Roosevelt during 1958.

( Urged careful screening of the qualifications of U.S. representatives to the United Nations.

( Asked Congress to set aside the first Sunday in February each year as "Chaplains' Day."

( Condemned sentimental fund-raising projects for persons accused of treasonable acts.

#### Pay As You Go

Chmn Joe Adams (Fla.) gave the report of the Convention Commission.

Most significant resolution coming out of the report was adoption of a proposal whereby the Legion will underwrite its own national conventions.

A revolving fund to bring this about, which could be established by 1961, was approved.

It has been necessary to secure advance funds from the host city and State in order to underwrite Nat'l Conventions. Although the Legion has usually been able to refund the ad-

vances, they have caused some embarrassment to State and city governing bodies, and have limited the location of nat'l conventions.

This situation was one of the factors which led to the increase of nat'l Legion dues last year.

(On April 8, Gov. Robert B. Meyner, of N.J., signed a bill guaranteeing \$50,000 for the 1957 Nat'l Convention in Atlantic City this Sept.)

Chmn Adams reported good progress on the Atlantic City convention plans. Because of New Jersey law, the Seagram Posts drawing for four Ford autos must be held out of the State, he announced.

The drawing will be held in the New York offices of The American Legion, and the cars will be presented to the winners at the Convention, as usual.

Hotel rates at Atlantic City, he reported, are in the normal range.

(Many Atlantic City hotels are on the American plan, where the rate includes meals. In these the daily rate will appear higher than in European plan hotels which don't include meals.)

Adams reported that queries for future conventions have been received from Las Vegas, Nev.; Philadelphia; Miami Beach; Kansas City and Detroit.

The 1958 Convention is set for Chicago, the 1959 Convention for Minneapolis-St. Paul, site of the first Convention in 1919. The 1960 Convention is scheduled for Boston.

On a motion of NECman Carl Lundgren (Minn.) it was provided that the Nat'l Commander's Dep't (Virginia this year) should march at the head of the parade, instead of in the order of its attained membership ranking.

The NEC authorized the 40&8 parade at the Nat'l Convention to take place on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

#### Child Welfare

The report of the Nat'l Child Wel-

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NAT'L INSTITUTE of Dry Cleaners members will clean flags free between June 1 and 12, for Flag Day flying. Above, dry cleaner accepts flag of Post 41, Silver Springs, Md.

## CONVENTION BY THE SEA



SHOWN ABOVE is impressive view of cool, seaside location of Convention Hall in Atlantic City, N.J., where Legionnaires will hold business sessions of National Convention this Sept. 16-19. Huge hall will also hold drum and bugle corps competition indoors, for first time. Whole convention takes place beside broad, sandy beach along 4-mile boardwalk.



fare Commission was given by Vice-Chmn Dr. Samuel A. Loveman (N.J.) in the absence of Chmn David V. Addy.

The Child Welfare Foundation report was given by its founder, Dr. Garland Murphy, Jr. (Ark.).

Dr. Loveman's report stressed the great value of the area Legion Child Welfare conferences, and the NEC passed a resolution endorsing their continuance.

The NEC also endorsed a Child Welfare resolution calling for more training programs for persons working with juvenile offenders, as well as one calling for a review of child labor laws.

Dr. Murphy gave an encouraging report of the progress of the Child Welfare Foundation and of the substantial specific gifts it had already made to agencies working in preventive areas of child welfare.

He further reported a large number of memorial gifts made to the Foundation so far by individual Legion Posts memorializing beloved members.

#### Legion Business

Numerous reports were received and resolutions passed dealing with the internal workings of The American Legion.

These included the reports of the following Commissions and committees:

☐ The Internal Affairs Commission, by Chmn Addison P. Drummond (Fla.).

☐ The Nat'l Publications Commission, by Chmn John Stelle (Ill.).

☐ The Nat'l Public Relations Commission, by Vice-Chmn James Howie (Calif.) in the absence of Chmn William Burke (Calif.), kept home by sickness in his family.

☐ The Nat'l Legislative Commission, by Chmn Jerome Duggan (Mo.).

☐ The Nat'l Finance Commission, by Chmn Harold P. Redden (Mass.).

☐ European Pilgrimage Committee, by Chmn James P. Ringley (Ill.).

☐ The Subcommittee on Reorganization, by Chmn William McKinley (N.J.).

☐ Legal report by Nat'l Judge Advocate Ralph Gregg (Ind.).

☐ Report of Nat'l Historian Robert T. Fairey (S.C.).

#### Items

Other matters of note at the meetings included the following:

☐ A gift of \$2,317.24 was presented former Nat'l Adjutant Henry H. (Hank) Dudley as a retirement present. Friends throughout the Legion contributed to the gift, tendered to Hank at the Nat'l Commander's dinner to the NEC on May 1.

☐ Nat'l Historian Fairey announced that the 1957 Nat'l Post History contest entry deadline is Aug. 15. For details write: Nat'l Librarian, American Legion Nat'l Hq., P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind.

☐ Indiana Gov. Harold W. Handley, a member of La Porte Post 83, appeared in person to welcome the NEC.

☐ The NEC rescinded previous Legion opposition to "Pay-as-you-go" TV programs, without endorsing them. Original concern had been over charging hospitalized vets for TV programs. Major broadcasters advised that if pay-as-you-go TV comes, programs will be had for free at vets hospitals. With that understood, rest of the issue is not germane to Legion's business, NEC decided.

☐ A life membership for the Nat'l Chaplain in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains was voted.

☐ A resolution urged Legion officials to wear the Legion Uniform whenever acting in an official capacity.

☐ Opposition to publishing the names

of juvenile delinquents was endorsed.

☐ A Legion citation to the Seeing Eye, Inc., of Morristown, N.J. was approved.

☐ Religious observance at the meetings were conducted by Nat'l Chaplain Bernard W. Gerdon (Ind.).

#### THE LEGION AT WORK:

### Facts, Facts, Facts

*One of a series of sketches of little-known daily activities of The American Legion.*

When The American Legion first dedicated itself to a broad interest in the welfare of veterans and in American ideals, it was apparent that its field of interest had tremendous breadth and called for much accurate knowledge.

The Legion, from the start, was characterized by the assignment of fact-finding tasks to specialized study groups, committees and paid staffs.

As the Legion often found itself at odds with other groups, its passion for facts—and a realistic interpretation of them—grew.

Probably few words have been spoken more at Legion meetings than: "Before we vote on this let's make sure we know what we are talking about."

The Legion became saturated with information specialists, which led to the formation of an internal policy structure formed of specialized commissions.

Today, 12 nat'l Legion commissions, with dozens of specialized committees, aided by fulltime nat'l staffs in such fields as Americanism, Nat'l Security, Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, Legislation and Foreign Relations accumulate masses of information to guide both Legion policy and daily activities.

Just as these words were going to press, the Legion's Nat'l Foreign Relations Commission left Washington after a briefing by State Department officials. Its Nat'l Security Commission met at the same time for a current roundup on military affairs with Pentagon officials.

Both meetings occur annually, and they follow close on the heels of the annual week-long Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Conference in which Legion service officers from all over the country meet in a series of panels with officials of the Veterans Administration, Social Security Agency, the Federal Civil Service and the Department of Labor.

Early this winter, a special Legion committee met in Washington and conferred with representatives of the Treasury Department, the FHA, the VA and other agencies, as well as private lenders and builders, to get a clear picture of difficulties with GI home loans.

The entire structure of the Legion's fact-finding machinery is echoed on the state level, and the commissions and

## BOOKING LEGIONNAIRES FOR EUROPE



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committees are re-echoed at the county and community levels.

Liaison is maintained with the Federal and state legislatures and agencies and a multitude of national and local organizations engaged in health, youth activities, social work, research, education, law-enforcement, housing, entertainment, labor, industry, commerce, shipping, banking, welfare, insurance, disaster relief, aviation, safety, science, agriculture, law, etc.

The fact-finding contacts of the Legion probably exceed in breadth and depth that of any organized structure in the United States except the Federal gov't.

Legion members whose knowledge, contacts and experience may be tapped, cut across every segment of American life; the Legion committee structure is present from the Nat'l Capital to the smallest community, and Legionnaires are engaged at all levels of nearly every human activity in the country.

Combined with its huge fact-finding machinery is a Legion passion for being hard-headed about what the facts indicate. This combination has often been at the root of some of the famous controversies in which the Legion has engaged—controversies in which time has awesomely vindicated the Legion's policies though the Legion was initially criticized as being an "ignorant" group.

One famous controversy was that of the Thirties, when the Legion attacked the Rugg textbooks for school children as a scheme of some Columbia Teachers' College professors to indoctrinate American school children in a social concept of their own invention.

The Legion published a devastating series of analyses of the Rugg books, employing sound and experienced educational brains. The result was the end of the Rugg books in the schools, not by vituperation (as the Rugg book defenders claimed) but by *analysis*.

In a published rebuttal in 1938, Teachers College Prof. Gellerman lashed back at the Legion's intrusion into "educational theory." The rebuttal discounted the Legion as a thinking group. In closing, the professor summarized some Legion opinions of 1938 as self-evident examples of the unfitness of the Legion to hold a position of leadership in public opinion, using the following words:

"The American Legion thinks war is imminent. Japan is said to be intent on building a world empire, and thus present a threat to America. War between America and Japan is said to be inevitable. Germany, Russia and Italy are viewed as being danger points in Europe. In fact, The American Legion sees war latent in the entire world situation, and wishes the United States to

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This rejection of the Legion's forecast of World War Two on the very eve of the awful events predicted—and the assumption by the professors that any reader would see how foolish it proved the Legion to be—is a typical underestimation of the Legion's command of and respect for facts. It is also a typical example of how Legion "controversies" often come about because the hard-headed passion of the Legion for facts tends to conflict with the wishful thinking of any particular day.

Similarly, the Legion's close studies of communist activity in the early Twenties led it to opinions—then ridiculed—which became generally accepted 30 years later. The Legion's warning of the Twenties on the infiltration of communism into American labor unions resulted in accusations that the Legion was simply "anti-labor."

More than 20 years later, American labor unions conceded that the communist infiltration had reached an intolerable point.

Then, an unpleasant but long-needed housecleaning by labor itself got under way, in which whole unions were expelled from the AFL and CIO because of communist domination.

Yet, far from being Nostradamus-like, the Legion's predictions have never been "amazing" nor do they reflect any particular brilliance or genius—except the "genius" to get the facts and stick with them—a "genius" that is too often as unpopular as it is elementary.

One of the many facets of the Legion fact-finding machinery on the staff level is the Legion's National Field Service, a paid, fulltime, traveling staff of 21 men, each assigned a limited territory of the U. S., operating under the direction of Nicholas Lynch, Jr. in Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis.

The Field Service has specialized in the nation's veterans hospitals, regular inspection of which is and always has been one of its many reporting duties.

Detailed reports on the patients and the medical and administrative staffs of the veterans hospitals flow into Nat'l Hq from this roving team of Legion fact-finders. The reports are minute word-portraits of each hospital, from every conceivable angle, and provide one of several avenues for the guidance of Legion policy on veterans medicine.

Members of Congress, wishing the best possible lowdown on actual conditions in VA hospitals in their districts have more than once borrowed the knowledge and experience of the Legion Field Representatives for their enlightenment.

The Field Service played a major fact-finding role in a controversy a few years ago, when loose charges were prevalent that veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities were widely abusing their hospital privileges by falsifying their ability to pay for their own private care.

The American Medical Association was a leader in airing these charges. It argued that the extent of alleged abuse justified cutting back the VA hospitals to a mere shell. At a meeting with AMA officials in Washington, Pat Cliff, of Minnesota, representing the Legion, reverted to the old Legion formula:

"Let's get the facts and be guided by them," he volunteered.

Cliff proposed a joint Legion-AMA study of the extent of the alleged abuse by veterans of their hospital privileges. The AMA did not accept the invitation, but the Legion and the Veterans Administration determined that it was time to substitute knowledge for rumor.

As a result, the Legion Field Service conducted a vast, bedside survey of every non-service-connected VA general medical or surgical patient whose condition permitted an interview.

The resulting mass of case histories, which later became a major part of the record of a Congressional query on the VA hospitals, was above all else a tragic document of human ruin and despair, of men and women who—broken in health—had exhausted whatever resources they had before going to the VA.

The survey ruled out the possibility of abuse of their privileges by VA patients in more than 90% of the cases. A later sampling by the General Accounting Office produced similar results.

Some abuse undoubtedly existed in the small percentage of cases where the possibility existed. But nothing to justify tearing down the structure of veterans medicine. The AMA produced no contrary evidence when asked to do so by the Congress. It subsequently instructed its members to cease advancing the argument of widespread abuse of the hospital privilege by veterans as a basis for attack on the veterans hospitals.

The Legion's passion for fact, and its huge fact-finding machinery, once again rendered a valuable service.

#### BRIEFLY NOTED:

► Final report of mid-winter flood relief work done by the Legion in Kentucky includes a Legion expenditure of \$6,181.70, assistance given to 685 families, and a distribution of 130,000 pounds of food and clothing—all through the Kentucky American Legion Flood Disaster Relief Committee headed by J. T. Whitlock. Additional

unmeasured assistance was rendered by various Posts through the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Civil Defense, and church groups.

► Stamp collecting is a therapeutic hobby of great value to patients in many VA, Army, and Navy hospitals, and quite a few such hospitals have regular stamp clubs made up of patients. Such patients are always in need of used postage stamps, domestic and foreign, in practically all denominations except current domestic 1¢, 2¢, and 3¢ stamps. Legionnaires can render an additional hospital service by helping furnish such stamps.

Simon H. Schneider, of Post 678, New York, N. Y., suggests that Posts near such hospitals inquire if such stamps are desired. If so, he suggests that boxes marked "Stamps for Wounded Servicemen" be placed on the premises of industrial plants and large business offices to collect stamps for hospital distribution.

► The American Legion Foreign Relations Commission advises that numerous people are writing to the State Department seeking support of U. S. attendance at the 6th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship to be held in Moscow.

In each instance the State Dep't replies that the U. S. Government opinion of the "Festival" is that it is a communist propaganda medium cloaked as a cultural exchange program, and that the State Dep't urges non-participation.

► The annual American Legion award to the member of the graduating class at the U. S. Military Academy who has established the highest standing in chemistry goes this year to Cadet John Henry Vickers, of Fairfield, Conn. Membership in the Nat'l Geographic Society is his prize.

► American Legion Posts sponsored 4,064 Boy Scout units in 1956—an increase of 39 over the previous year. The American Legion Auxiliary, active in Girl Scout work in many communities, sponsored 128 Boy Scout units in 1956—an increase of 25 over 1955.

Breakdown of Legion-sponsored Scout units shows that Posts sponsored 1,083 Cub Packs, 720 Explorer Units, and 2,389 Scout Troops.

► American Legion Posts in the Dep't of Nebraska collected \$11,309 for the 1957 Heart Fund Drive. Post 205, Byron, led all Nebraska Legion Posts in per capita giving, collecting 65¢ per resident. The Nebraska Dep't of the Auxiliary raised funds for the drive in



82 communities and netted \$13,935.

► The fourth National Jamboree of the Boys Scouts of America, to be held at Valley Forge Park near Philadelphia, Pa., July 12-18, will be the largest youth gathering in American history.

► The Rockland County (N. Y.) Bowling League—not a Legion league—has donated \$1,850 to the Rockland County Committee of The American Legion to be used for rehabilitation work among Rockland County veterans while hospitalized. Contribution was made at Suffern, N. Y., April 26.

► Dep't of New Hampshire under Dep't Cmdr Charles Devine is the latest to join the long list of Dep'ts holding Legion Colleges. Past Dep't Cmdr Floyd Daley, chairmanned the three-

day session—April 12-14—which drew a large attendance at Grenier Air Force Base, Manchester, N. H.

Students, in addition to New Hampshire Legionnaires, included many from neighboring Vermont headed by Dep't Cmdr Ray Greenwood.

Speakers included representatives from Nat'l Hq, members of Nat'l Commissions, Dep't officers, officers of the Armed Forces, and Civil Defense experts.

► Nat'l Legion Americanism Commission has arranged to make the Free Europe Committee's *Handbook for Hungarians* available to libraries in towns where Hungarian refugees have settled. Posts noting a community need may contact their Dep't Hq to obtain a copy of this booklet for the community library.

► Legionnaires in Dep't of Rhode Island have formed a State Police Auxiliary, which will supplement the regular State Police in traffic control work and in emergencies. Initial enrollment in Legion force numbers 29.

► A telecast entitled *Religion versus Communism* presented by the Dep't of Hawaii in late March over station KULA was recorded on tape for the United States Information Agency and has won the Dep't many messages of praise. Representatives of six different churches spoke on the incompatibility of religion and communism.

► For his work as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Communist Party, Anzelm Czarnowski, a member of Post 735, Argo, (Continued on next page)

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Ill., has received a letter of tribute from President Eisenhower, The American Legion Certificate of Honor citing him "for faithful and courageous exposure of communism and subversion," a citation from his own Post, and commendations from two Congressmen.

Czarnowski, a 60-year-old Polish-born illustrator, joined the Communist Party for the FBI in 1944 and remained in it until 1955, when he appeared as a star Government witness in the trial of Claude Lightfoot, then executive secretary of the Ill. Communist Party.

► The Society of American Legion Founders will hold its annual dinner meeting on Sept. 14, at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel in Atlantic City, N. J.

► International Shut-In Day will be observed on June 2 this year. Established by the late Billy Power, of Marietta, Ga., himself a shut-in, the "day" is a movement to encourage friendship for the sick and shut-ins and to encourage them, particularly in times of distress and discouragement, to overcome their handicaps.

► In compliance with a resolution adopted at the 1956 Nat'l Convention in Los Angeles, Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel has appointed a nat'l committee to handle matters pertaining to the Legion Amateur Radio Network. Rollins R. Buchner (Calif.) is the chairman; committee members are Vincent Garrity (Ill.), and Eugene T. Mahoney (Wash.).

► An American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grant to the American Social Hygiene Ass'n will be used beginning early this summer to subsidize a study on sex behavior and venereal disease among adolescents.

The study will be conducted by the University of California at Los Angeles and will probably last a year. It will be under the direction of Dr. Martin Loeb, associate professor of social welfare.

► Numerous posts throughout the country have sent contributions to the Legion Disaster Relief Fund maintained by Nat'l Hq. Largest contribution was \$333.56 received from Dep't of Illinois. Latest use of fund was made during floods this past winter in Ky., W. Va., and Tenn.

► The Legion's position on aid to communist-dominated countries was clearly stated by Nat'l Cmdr Daniel on Apr. 7. Speaking over the Mutual Broadcasting System he said:

"We are opposed to the granting of a single dime of American aid to communist-dominated countries. . . . To give economic aid to any of these nations is to subsidize the Russian economy, to help modernize and expand Soviet and satellite industry and agriculture, to strengthen the communists' already great and growing military power. Whether we intend it or not, this would be the inevitable result of our economic aid to Poland or any other communist-dominated country."

► Dep't of Idaho is the No. 1 Dep't for housing preference at the Nat'l Convention at Atlantic City this year. Idaho won the highly prized position by having submitted to Nat'l Hq by Mar. 30 a greater increase in membership over its previous four-year average than any other Dep't.

Other Dep'ts in the top ten are, in the following order: Minn., La., N. Dak., Del., S. Dak., Iowa, Ohio, Ind., and Miss.

► The Tennessee Legislature has adopted Joint Resolution No. 35, which expresses support of legislation now pending in the U. S. Congress which would direct the President to seek modification of the agreements made by this country with foreign nations under the terms of the NATO Status of Forces Treaty.

Granville S. Ridley, Chmn of The American Legion Nat'l Security Training Committee, spearheaded this action in Tennessee.

► The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia proclaimed April as "American Legion Child Welfare Month" in the District. Commissioners called on all citizens and organizations "to join in paying tribute to the fine accomplishments of The American Legion's Child Welfare Program in rendering aid and counsel to our youth so that they may be guided along the road to responsible maturity and good citizenship."

Additional support of the Legion's 19th annual observance of April as Child Welfare Month came in a laudatory editorial which appeared in the Washington *Evening Star* for Apr. 9. It read in part:

"The American Legion's interest in good citizenship is well known. Not so well known generally are its intensive efforts to promote good citizenship through the molding of youth at the impressionable age. To bring the program to wider public attention and thus to effect a better community teamwork toward this praiseworthy end, the Legion

has designated April as Child Welfare Month. . . . The Legion's youth programs started out as an effort to aid children of war veterans in need of additional schooling or training. But now the program extends to all children. . . ."

► The Chalfonte-Haddon Hall will be The American Legion Hq Hotel at the Nat'l Convention in Atlantic City, Sept. 16-19. Hq for the American Legion Auxiliary and the 8&40 will be at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. The 40&8 has selected the Ambassador Hotel as its hq.

► Legion Nat'l Rehab Director T. O. Kraabel told a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Apr. 12 that the American people want economy in Government, but they do not want it at the expense of the disabled veteran. Kraabel warned that the proposed reduction of \$206,600,000 in the VA budget, as passed by the House, may impair the quality and adequacy of service to veterans. He asserted that there is ample evidence that the people of this country favor high-quality service for veterans.

► Rifles are available for ceremonial purposes for Legion Posts. Inquiries about how Posts can get them should be addressed to: Commanding Officer, Major Item Supply Management Agency, Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, Chambersburg, Pa.

► At the request of The American Legion, Congressman Van Zandt (Pa.) introduced House Resolution 6955, which seeks to amend the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952. It provides for drafting men into Reserve components if that becomes necessary and for a five-year military obligation for those serving satisfactorily. Bill is in line with Legion mandates.

► Representative Van Zandt has also introduced H.R. 6956 into the Congress. This bill, based on 1956 Nat'l Convention Resolution 147, would authorize a distinctive lapel button for veterans of Korean service.

► Legion officials have commended Representative John E. Fogarty (R. I.) for his successful fight to prevent emasculating of appropriations measures for Dep't of Labor services which are geared to the unemployment problems of veterans.

► The Dep't of the Army will give 72,000-pound Sherman medium tanks to veterans organizations for lawn ornaments. Organizations may have the



tanks by paying freight charges and by guaranteeing that the tanks will be "demilitarized" (a process which costs about \$100). Legion organizations desiring additional information about the tanks should write to: Commanding Officer, Major Item Supply Management Agency, Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, Chambersburg, Pa.

► The American Heritage Foundation granted a top nat'l award to The American Legion for its participation in the 1956 "Register, Inform Yourself and Vote Campaign."

Nat'l Cmdr Daniel accepted the award for the Legion from John Burns, trustee of the foundation and president of the Radio Corporation of America, at N. Y. Dep't dinner for the Nat'l Cmdr on Apr. 23.

► Dep't of California has formed a Dep't Merchant Marine Committee. Chmn of the new committee is Charles S. Booth, of San Francisco, a member of the Legion Nat'l Merchant Marine Committee.

► Dep't of Ohio believes that when Tom Reichert, of Campbell, Ohio, goes to Buckeye Boys State at Camp Perry this month he will become the first second-generation Boys Stater. His father,

Michael Reichert, now a member of Post 560 in Campbell, was one of the boys at the first Buckeye Boys State in 1936.

► Young men and women who intend to enroll in school or college under the War Orphans Education Program this fall should begin now to make the necessary applications to the Veterans Administration and to the school or college of their choice.

War Orphans Education Program, adopted by Congress in 1956, was strongly supported by The American Legion. It provides for monetary help for education to sons and daughters of veterans who died of injuries or diseases resulting from their military service in WW 1, WW 2, or the Korean War.

► Robert A. Fleming, Service Officer of Post 29, Port Angeles, Wash., was presented with a "Senior Citizen's" plaque at a banquet held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in that community. Citation was made in recognition of outstanding service to his community in 1956.

► Posts in Lake County, Ill., observed "New Citizenship Day" to welcome a group of newly naturalized citizens into full U. S. citizenship.

**KILROY:**

## Was He There?

Readers by the score have sent in reports on Kilroy and his "hereness" since our "Newsletter" reported in January that Dr. Clyde H. Ward of Detroit was seeking in vain for a reference to "Kilroy was here" published before June 26, 1945, the absence of which had about convinced Dr. Ward that as far as being recognized in print is concerned, Kilroy was a post-WW2 phenomenon.

All sorts of information on Kilroy has arrived by mail to this magazine. Dr. C. F. Fisher of Clarksburg, W. Va., reported that a Kilroy fought in early battles of the American Revolution, and that he saw "Kilroy was here" painted on walls from Naples to Rome in WW2.

Harry L. Parker sent from Rueil-Malmaison, France, a photostat of a page from the visitors' register of the Hermitage Hostelry on Mt. Vesuvius for June 6, 1841 on which most visitors complained about the food or the weather or the view, but Jas. Kilroy, of Bournemouth, England simply signed the register, showing he was "there."

Frank Wilson, of Indianapolis, swears that while on the Meuse with the 22nd Engineers in 1918, he saw "Kilroy was here" duly inscribed on that most popular of writing tablets, a latrine wall.

# VETERANS: What would you say to these boys facing service?

**BOB** wants to be a draftsman. What does the Army offer him?

**JOE** wants to work with guided missiles. What does the Army offer him?

**ART** wants to travel overseas. What does the Army offer him?

Young men constantly look to experienced veterans like you for straight facts on Army service. Sometimes it is difficult for you to keep up-to-date on Army opportunities, and the Army would like for you to know three important facts that meet the needs of young men like Bob, Joe and Art.

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many more—they name it and it's guaranteed before enlistment.

**For Art:** choice of travel. Under the new Unit Rotation program he may plan his overseas service—whether in Europe, the Far East or Alaska. This Army travel is guaranteed before enlistment.

With these facts you can show young men that they will get choice, not chance, in the Army. For further details on various Army programs available to them, why not direct them to their local Army Recruiter?





Charles Kilroy himself, a patient at the Philadelphia VA hospital, and a veteran of the searchlight division of the 56th Engineers in WW1, advised that he was still kicking and sent good luck to all.

Several writers advised that some research into *Yank* and *Stars and Stripes* would certainly produce printed Kilroy references earlier than 1945.

However, our own Dr. Ward has tried that in vain. Furthermore, Robert Fischer of Fort Atkinson, Wis., went through his private collection of *Stars and Stripes* and *Yank* as well as a collection of WW2 English newspapers, only to write: "I was amazed that I found no Kilroy mention, as I remember seeing the Kilroy message thousands of times during service days."

Francis Kilroy (no relation to Kilroy) of Brooklyn, N. Y., sent us the text of a clipping dated 1946, telling how the American Transit Ass'n gave a prize of a street car to James J. Kilroy of Halifax, Mass., satisfied that he was the original of the Kilroy legend. Story is that James J. was an inspector for the Bethlehem Steel Co. at a Quincy, Mass., shipyard, and wrote "Kilroy was here" on shipments that he inspected, to show that he had inspected them. GIs picked up the message from these crates when they arrived overseas in WW2. What James J. Kilroy did with the street car was not reported.

Mrs. Goldie Booher, of Crawfordsville, Ind., reports the same essential story, but says inspector Kilroy worked in Nova Scotia. (Confusion of Halifax, Mass. and Halifax, N.S.?) However, Frank Staley, of St. Petersburg, Fla., giving the same version of the origin of Kilroy, sets the scene in Quonset Pt., R. I. Terence Kolpackoff, Cmdr of Post 507, Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., sent an undated clipping telling the same story, placing it in Massachusetts.

Irving Greene, Katonah, N. Y., reported seeing the Kilroy message all over the Aleutians during WW2, and says he and his buddies felt they'd lost a pal when they saw a "Here lies Kilroy" sign at Ft. Lawton, Wash., at the war's end.

Frank Walls, Tuscaloosa, Ala., says he saw the Kilroy message on a wall in Corpus Christi, Tex., in the spring of 1943, and again in Panama in 1944. T. L. Spina, Brooklyn, N. Y., first saw it in the hold of a ship at Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands. Howard Vail, Buffalo, Minn., saw two Kilroy messages at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in Dec. 1944—on a trestle and a gutted out building.

Many wrote to say they knew a Kilroy

in service. Of this there is no question. Kilroy really was there, as there were many Kilroys in service, and they got around.

Three families of fighting Kilroy Legionnaires practically covered the globe in uniform by themselves, serving with distinction in major combat operations.

The Legion Kilroys of Savannah, Ga., were sired by William L. Kilroy, who

## LEGION ON THE FARM



MEMBERS OF the Gloucester County (N. J.) American Legion Agricultural Committee give their sixth annual "Outstanding Farmer" award to Robin W. Lowery, 17, in recognition of his 4-H Club work. Annual award goes to a senior or junior farmer to recognize good work in agriculture and to dramatize the Legion's interest in it.

served with the U. S. Cavalry from 1903 to 1908, and again with the Nat'l Guard, 1916-18. He served in China, the Philippines, Mexico, France and Belgium. His sons saw extensive duty in WW2, as did one of his daughters-in-law, Mrs. Harry J. Kilroy.

The Legion Kilroys of Portland, Maine, practically covered WW2 by themselves. The father, Francis Kilroy served in WW1. One of his sons, Richard F. Kilroy, skipper of LSM 181, saw duty in England, Europe, Africa, the Mediterranean, the Marianas, Solomons, Philippines, Ryukyus and Japan, and was in the invasions of Normandy, Southern France, Philippines and Okinawa. His brother, Robert Kilroy, served on the carrier Antietam, hitting the main islands of the Pacific, and seeing duty over Korea and in China in WW2. Yet a third brother, William C. Kilroy, flew 50 bomber missions out of Taranto, Italy, all over Europe, in WW2.

Thomas J. Kilroy of Chicago covered the Southwest Pacific with the 7th Fleet in WW2, while his brothers Joseph and William served with the Army.

What Robert Kilroy of Portland,

Maine, may have missed in the way of Pacific action on the Antietam, John Kilroy of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, took care of. He picked up 11 battle stars aboard the carrier Belleau Wood. His father served in France in WW1.

Yes, these and other Kilroys were there, all right.

But so far, nobody has sent us any published reference to the "Kilroy was here" message that was printed any earlier than June 26, 1945, and Dr. Clyde Ward of Detroit, who is doing a serious study of the Kilroy myth, is just where he was six months ago, convinced that Kilroy was never recognized in print until WW2 was practically over.

## MEMBERSHIP:

### Contests, Awards

Legionnaires throughout the country are diligently ringing doorbells and wearing out shoe leather as they make the personal calls needed to get new members. In recent weeks their activity has moved at a faster pace as the intensive membership campaign moved toward its June 15 climax.

In some Dept's they are concentrating on vets of the Korean War. In others they're going after men who used to belong to the Legion but who have let their membership lapse.

But they're all shooting for new membership records by June 15. That's the important date because it's the deadline for the membership contest which will provide five Legionnaires with all-expense-paid trips to the 39th Nat'l Convention at Atlantic City, N.J. (Sept. 16-19) as guests of the Nat'l Commander.

Purpose of the Nat'l Commander's membership contest is twofold: (1) to stimulate membership activity, and (2) to reward those Legionnaires who have done the bulk of the membership job throughout the year.

Complete details were circulated to Dep'ts & Posts in April.

As the contest deadline grew nearer, other membership activities also made news:

- Idaho enrolled 105.43 percent of its quota by Apr. 1 and thereby became the No. 7 Quota Dep't.
- Many inter-Dep't membership contests were settled by the membership figures submitted to Nat'l Hq by Mar. 31. Closest of these was the contest between Missouri and Michigan, which was based on percentage of quota received at Nat'l Hq by Mar. 31. Missouri won contest with a 90.54 percentage; Michigan had 90.53.
- In an equally close inter-Dep't battle Oklahoma's 86.03 percent of quota en-



rolled by Mar. 17 edged out Arkansas' 86.02 percent.

- In other inter-Dep't contests Tennessee won over South Carolina; South Carolina bested North Carolina; Wyoming defeated Idaho; Connecticut exceeded Maine; Florida whipped Georgia; Oklahoma outdistanced Texas; Illinois came in ahead of Wisconsin; and Idaho outstripped Pennsylvania.

- Dep't of Mexico won the North Carolina Trophy for 1957. Trophy is awarded annually to that Dep't outside the continental U.S. which enrolls the highest percentage of its previous year's membership by Mar. 31.

- Dep't of Delaware — with 100.07 percent of quota — is the eighth Dep't to reach its 1957 quota.

- Dep't of Louisiana won the Henry E. Lindsley Trophy for 1957 by attaining the highest percentage of membership over its preceding year's membership.

Louisiana also won the John J. Emery Trophy by enrolling a higher percentage of its members by Jan. 1 than any other Dep't; percentage is based on previous four-year average, and Louisiana had 95 percent by Jan. 1.

- Two South Carolina Legionnaires received expense-paid trips to Legion Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis to attend the May meetings of the National Executive Committee by winning a membership contest in that Dep't.

## UNCLAIMED MONEY, VIII:

### Who Owns It?

The persons named below have at least \$100 coming to them from the Army.

Post Office failed to find them at Army addresses for them in the cities listed.

Go over these names to see if you can spot yourself or someone you know.

If so, contact *Undeliverable Check Section, Special Claims Division, Finance Center, U. S. Army, Indianapolis 49, Indiana.*

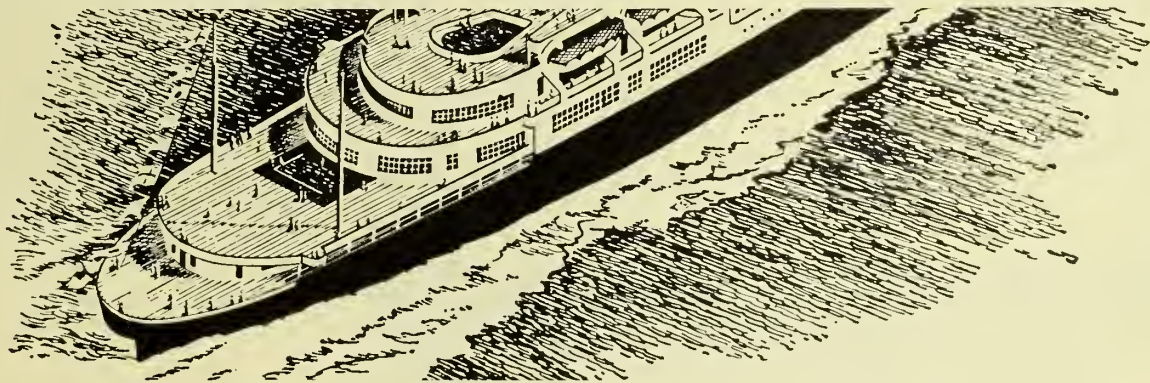
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 Darling, Lewis A., Grand Lodge, Mich.  
 Elliot, Roy F., Charlestown, W. Va.  
 Garcia, Jesus A., San Antonio, Tex.  
 Hall, Donald P., Miami, Fla.  
 Harris, Jonas, Albany, Ga.  
 Kazmark, Fred R., Long Dale, Calif.  
 Lee, Ralph L., Tyler, Tex.  
 Martin, Mrs. Alma G., Watsonville, Calif.  
 McCaster, Thomas E., Memphis, Tenn.  
 O'Conner, Thomas M., Chicago, Ill.  
 Parker, Lillian, New York, N. Y.  
 Perry, James, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Piwowarski, Stefan, Newark, N. J.  
 Ramirez-Rosario, Salvador, Santurce, P. R.  
 Ring, Solomon, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Scheuers, Donald D., Fond Du Lac, Wisc.  
 Scott, Mrs. Theresa M., Washington, D. C.  
 South, Arthur W., Seminole, Okla.  
 Stelmachuk, Victor, Santa Rosa, Calif.  
 Terry, William L., Jr., Bastion, Tex.  
 Vance, William J., River Rouge, Mich.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best

that he has served The American Legion well. Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

Everett J. Phillips (1949) and Glenn V. Smith (1956), Post 659, Pacoima, Calif.  
 John E. Stone (1952), Post 128, Niantic, Conn.  
 Charles R. Coffin (1956), Post 19, Orlando, Fla.  
 B. C. Fowler (1952) and Ken H. Williams and Ray J. Obrecht and George B. Page (all 1956), Post 38, Fort Myers, Fla.  
 Roy Lee Holder (1950), Post 141, Mount Vernon, Ill.  
 William E. Wetherington (1956), Post 306, Metropolis, Ill.  
 Harry A. Richards (1949) and Raymond A. Ireland (1950) and Frank B. Votava (1951) and Charles F. Seeman (1952), Post 422, Berwyn, Ill.  
 Everett R. Burham (1957), Post 29, Washington, Ia.  
 Charles J. Morrand (1955), Post 207, Ogden, Kans.  
 Frank D. Tanner (1948), Post 62, Reading, Mass.  
 Edward J. Connelly (1956), Post 63, Wakefield, Mass.  
 John H. Walsh (1957), Post 156, Waltham, Mass.  
 Philip Laferriere (1954), Post 208, Millis, Mass.  
 Lillian Jennings (1957), Post 243, East Lynn, Mass.  
 Raymond Wilkinson (1954), Post 361, Ashby, Mass.  
 Gustaf A. Johnson and Herman Lithen (both 1956), Post 21, Stambaugh, Mich.  
 Lenial F. Williams (1955) and Leon H. Peet (1956), Post 305, Caledonia, Mich.  
 Ellard A. Walsh (1956), Post 339, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 John E. Rankin and Lonis Cook (both 1955), Post 49, Tupelo, Miss.  
 John M. Holmes (1952) and Thomas C. Harviel (1954) and Archie Scanlon (1956), Post 123, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Albert K. Leader and Charles E. Baldwin and Harold C. Preston and Scott D. Staples (all 1956), Post 109, Rutherford, N. J.  
 Al G. Sedita (1952) and Walter Longnecker (1954), Post 126, Cliffside Park, N. J.  
 George Stephan and Bernard Jahrdoerfer and Edmund Klein (all 1956), Post 104, Glendale, N. Y.  
 Francis Verrelli (1954), Post 500, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
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Edward H. Perry (1956), Post 958, East Rockaway, N.Y.

Jack Buchholtz (1947) and Edward J. Hetherington and Jesse J. Levy (both 1953), Post 1119, New York, N.Y.

Aaron Lief (1956), Post 1206, New York, N.Y. William A. Crane (1956), Post 1563, Brooklyn, N.Y.

E. Katherine Rickards (1956), Post 61, Canton, N.C.

Carne G. Boyles (1956), Post 82, Shelby, N. C. Buren F. Taylor (1956), Post 360, New Paris, Ohio.

Warren Hunsicker (1951) and Joseph Anderko (1952) and Frederick O. Brubaker (1953) and Charles B. Bowman (1954), Post 12, Reading, Pa.

Peter J. Steppy and Harry S. Johnson and Glen F. Karstetter and Wells W. Straub and Donald L. Bowes and Roscoe M. Wolfe (all 1955), Post 36, Jersey Shore, Pa.

Walter H. Sharkey (1955), Post 3, Woonsocket, R. I.

James P. Kerr (1956), Post 40, Pawtucket, R. I.

Jay I. Brooks (1954), Post 64, Greeneville, Tenn.

John H. Parker (1957), Post 76, Austin, Tex.

Rush Elmore (1957), Post 472, Houston, Tex.

Joseph Peeters (1956), Post 32, Winooski, Vt.

John H. Phalen (1956), Post 87, West Rutland, Vt.

Willard C. Lee (1952), Post 154, Mondovi, Wisc.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships." The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases.

## AMERICANISM:

## Oratorical Contest

The 20th annual American Legion Nat'l High School Oratorical Contest was held in Waterville, Maine, Apr. 11. Daniel Elliott McCall, of Modesto, Calif., won the top prize—a \$4,000 American Legion scholarship to be used at any college or university in the United States—and thereby became the nation's No. 1 high school orator.

The next day he appeared on the Dave Garroway TV show *Today* on the NBC network and on Warren Hull's

*Strike It Rich* TV program over the CBS network.

Three other youthful speakers participated in the national finals at Waterville and also won Legion scholarships. Theodore Everingham (Jackson, Mich.) won second prize, a \$2,500 scholarship; William J. Toth (New York, N. Y.) finished third and won a \$1,000 scholarship; and Paul Fowler, Jr. (Jacksonville, Fla.) won the \$500 fourth-place scholarship.

These four contestants, all 17 years old, survived rigorous competition on the local, regional, and sectional levels to earn the right to appear in the finals in the Waterville High School Auditorium. They are the cream of the 350,000 high school students who entered the contest this year in 47 Legion Departments, including Alaska.

The awards they receive bring to \$130,000 the total in cash scholarships provided by the Legion on the nat'l level. Many more thousands of dollars in cash scholarships are awarded each year by Departments, Districts, and Posts.

The Legion nat'l oratorical program has grown tremendously since it began in 1938. That year the finals were held at Norman, Okla., and young people from 11 Departments competed. Only 4,000 pupils participated in the 1938 nat'l contest.

The major purpose of the contest is to develop deeper knowledge and understanding of the Constitution of the United States among high school pupils. All speeches—prepared and extemporaneous—are based on the Constitution. All contestants speak on the same extemporaneous subject, which in the

finals this year was the 20th (Lame Duck) Amendment.

An imposing array of judges decided that Dan McCall was the nation's top high school orator in 1957. They were: Maine Gov. Edmund S. Muskie; Chief Justice Robert V. B. Williamson of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court; Mrs. Lucinda Herbert Parker, former teacher of speech and dramatics; Dr. Herbert C. Libby, retired professor of speech and debate at Colby College; and professor Albert Thayer, professor of speech and debate at Bowdoin College.

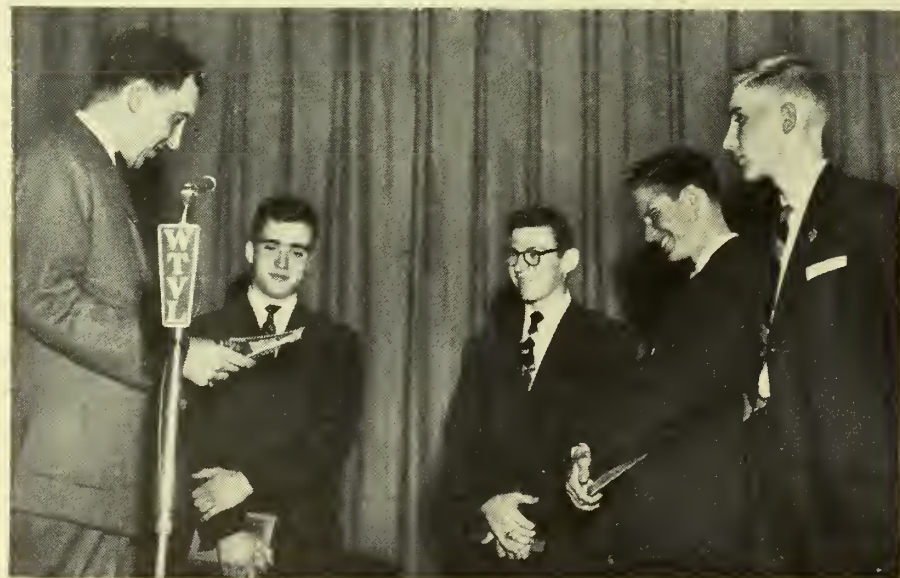
And it is appropriate that educators made up the majority of the panel of judges, for Legion Nat'l Oratorical Contest winners seem to be on the way to becoming some of the most educated people in the U. S. Since the contest was started in 1938, the 19 winners have earned 23 degrees that the Legion knows about. Actually, these 23 degrees are spread among only 14 former champions, because the four most recent winners have not had time to complete their undergraduate work and the nat'l organization of The American Legion has lost track of one of the early winners. These 23 degrees include 12 A.B.'s, four LL.B.'s, three M.A.'s, two Ph.D.'s, one M.D. and one B.D.

Four nat'l winners have become attorneys. The 1941 winner—Frank Church, Jr., of Idaho—is now, at age 31, the youngest Senator in the 85th Congress. (Senator Church is a member of Post 2, Boise.)

Only one girl has won the contest. She was Miss Jeanne Dickinson, of Roanoke, Va., who took top honors in 1951. She was a 1956 honor graduate of Carnegie Tech.

The 1957 winner, tall, personable Dan McCall, plans to enter Stanford University next fall. He intends to study speech and dramatics, and hopes to work in television or on the stage. Dan, the elder son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. McCall, is a senior at Modesto High School, and is no stranger to the champion's laurels. He's been winning oratorical contests since 1952 when he was still in junior high school.

This year's nat'l contest, the second held in the New England area, gave the people of Waterville an opportunity to demonstrate their hospitality and to show how they feel about The American Legion. The consensus: They are extremely hospitable and they like the Legion. And one Nat'l Legion official, long an observer of Legion doings, commended highly the manner in which Post 5 of Waterville, the local high school, and the city of Waterville treated the contestants and conducted the contest. The cooperation of the



MAINE GOV. EDMUND S. MUSKIE congratulates finalists in 1957 American Legion Nat'l High School Oratorical Contest, held at Waterville, Maine, Apr. 11. Left to right: Gov. Muskie; William J. Toth (N. Y.), 3rd place winner; Paul Fowler, Jr. (Fla.), 4th; Daniel Elliott McCall (Calif.), contest winner; and Theodore Everingham (Mich.), 2nd.



Maine newspapers and radio stations in covering the event won additional praise.

The contestants in particular were given the royal welcome in the Maine city. They happily devoured their first taste of Maine lobster and were gifted with shirts by the C. F. Hathaway Co.

#### RECENT POST DOINGS:

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL Visitation Committee of Post 45, Palatka, Fla., has visited schools in Putnam County for 25 years. Since 1932 Committee has taught school children what the American flag stands for and how it should be respected.

GEN. EDWIN W. RAWLINGS, Commander of the Air Materiel Command, received the Gen. William E. Mitchell Memorial Award of Post 743, New York, N. Y. (composed of flying personnel), for being "the U. S. citizen making the outstanding individual contribution to aviation progress" during the past year. Presentation of the award, a permanent memorial to the late Gen. Billy Mitchell, noted airpower advocate and a former member of Post 743, was made for the Post by U. S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Nathan F. Twining before an audience composed of 500 leaders of the aviation industry and the Air Force.

POST 558, Malta Bend, Mo., is scarcely three years old; yet it is, as Post historian Herbert T. Lunbeck points out, "a rather lusty infant." When it was organized in 1954, Post 558 had 17 members; it had more than 50 by early Apr. this year. Post is solvent and has salted away \$1,500 worth of U. S. Gov't bonds for its building fund.

Post has also: Bought school safety signs, contributed \$50 to school band uniform fund, contributed to polio fund at various times, sponsored State mobile X-ray unit, sponsored County Government Day in schools for last two years, sent two boys to Boys State (and will send another this year).

Located in a small community where fund-raising opportunities are necessarily limited, Post 558 has raised most of its funds through dances and turkey shoots, and notes that cooperation of people in the community has been excellent.

POST 37, Quincy, Ill., contributed \$250 toward the cost of an industrial survey aimed at attracting new industries to the area.

FOR THE SECOND straight year Sound Off, newspaper of Post 129, Toms River, N. J., has been chosen the best Post publication in Dep't of New Jersey.

POST 561, Detroit, Mich., (composed of Internal Revenue Service employees), gave \$1,000 to the vets hospital at Ann Arbor to be used to buy portable TV sets for the patients. Last year Post pre-

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sented a \$1,000 electric organ to vets hospital at Dearborn.

█ POST 52, Scarsdale, N. Y., sponsored a concert by the West Point Cadet Glee Club, and the whole community pitched in to provide food and sleeping quarters for the cadets.

█ Publication of news items about outstanding membership accomplishments by Posts in small towns in Wyo. and Iowa has caused two more Dep't Adj'ts to come forward with reports of noteworthy membership jobs in their Dep'ts.

Fred Fuecker, Adj't of Dep't of Washington, reports that Post 164 at Yelm has 88 members in a town of 470 people and that the Post has a 10-year average of 88.8 members.

And Oklahoma Dep't Adj't Art Tyner has come up with what the *National Adjutants Letter* calls "the absolute end" of the membership competition: Tyner is willing to swear that Post 280, Moseley, has a membership of 65 in a town whose population is 5.

█ POST 1291, New York, N. Y. (composed of veterans of Chinese extraction), sponsored the Hungarian Relief Drive in Chinatown, New York City, and collected \$530 and more than 250 pieces of clothing.

█ MEXICAN GOV'T has awarded its Military Order of Merit to Murrell N. Woolman, of Post 11, Mt. Holly, N. J. Award recognized memorializing of Mexican air pioneer Capt. Emilio Carranza, whose plane crashed near Mt. Holly in 1928, by Post 11, and other Post activities promoting Mexican-U. S. good will.

█ POST 200, Lonoke, Ark., started the Legion year with a quota of 71, and by mid-April had reached an alltime membership high of 221. Post Cmdr Cecil Bryant credits the noteworthy growth of the Post to (1) a full program of community activities, (2) orderly meetings regularly attended by a large percentage of members, and (3) the pride which each Legionnaire takes in the accomplishments of his Post.

█ POST 95, North Conway, N. H., reports that its drive to institute suitable graduation ceremonies for grade school pupils has been met with favorable public reaction and a jump in Post membership.

█ POST 209, New York, N. Y., made its sixth annual grant of funds to Just-One-Break (J.O.B.), an organization which helps train disabled persons and which finds jobs for them. The \$5,000 grant makes a total of \$27,500 given by the Post to this organization to aid in training and job placement of disabled veterans.

█ WHEN POST 233, Berwick, Pa., held its Past Commanders Dinner on the Legion's birthday, 24 Past Post Commanders were present. One of the three Legion birthday dates (March 15, 16, 17) is an excellent date on which to schedule Past Post Commander dinners.

█ POST 348, Laurelton, N. J., has acquired its first Post home, a \$30,000 structure, which it is paying off by conducting a series of wholesome community social activities. Post has nearly doubled membership as a result of new home and increased activities.

█ THE POST HOME of Post 177, Fairfax, Va., serves as a community center. The home, recently opened on a 10-acre site donated by a Post member, the late Amos Chilcott, also houses the local radio station.

█ WITH THE ASSISTANCE of its Auxiliary Unit and cooperation from the community, Post 800, Groton, N. Y., raised \$951.45 from its St. Patrick's Day dance and a breakfast the following morning. Money was presented to a Post member whose four-year-old child is a leukemia victim.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

DR. WILLIAM J. DENTON, resigned as Adj't of Dep't of Puerto Rico. New Dep't Adj't is NARCISO SANABRIA.

A. ANDREW BOEMI (Ill.), Vice Chmn of The American Legion Economic Commission, has been named president of the Madison Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago.

COL. GEORGE MINGLE, Chmn of The American Legion Law and Order Committee, resigned as superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He became city manager of Portsmouth, Ohio, in May.

PERRY E. COOK, Dep't Adj't of Hawaii, resigned. He is succeeded by HENRY S. P. WONG.

DR. D. W. TIESZEN (S. Dak.), Vice Chmn of The American Legion Committee on Education and Scholarships, will become Dean of Instruction at Central Missouri State College effective Aug. 1.

GILMAN H. STORDOCK, Past Nat'l Vice Cmdr (1955-56), received a community civic award in Milwaukee, Wis.

CHARLES L. LARSON, Past Dep't Cmdr of Wis. (1949-50), elected Municipal Judge for Ozaukee County.

BRIG. GEN. LOUIS H. RENFROW, member of the National Emblem Committee, resigned as civilian deputy director of Selective Service effective May 1.

GEORGE N. CRAIG, Past Nat'l Cmdr of The American Legion (1949-50), has formed a law partnership with John K. Ruckelhaus, Gerard D. Reilly, and John C. O'Connor, in Ind. Past Nat'l Cmdr

Craig has also become a member of the law firm of Craig, Summers and O'Hara, with offices in D. C. and W. Va.

R. C. GABRIELSON, Ass't Dep't Adj't of South Dakota, resigned. ROBERT WHITTEMORE is his successor.

PHILIP R. BUCCI, Public Relations Director for Dep't of Pennsylvania, resigned.

ANDREW WILSON, Past Cmdr of Post 52, Scarsdale, N. Y., appointed a director of the N. Y. Telephone Co.

JOHN J. HALL, one of the organizers of the Legion's Nat'l Safety Program, appointed manager of the new Highway Traffic Dep't of the Esso Standard Oil Co.

JOHN E. SHEFFIELD, JR., aide to Nat'l Cmdr Erle Cocke, Jr. (1950-51), married to Miss Frances Melba Griffin at Mount Berry, Ga.

JAMES W. REDGATE, Dep't Cmdr of Rhode Island, awarded the Boys Clubs of America anniversary year Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding public service during 1956 in support of the Boys Club movement.

FRANK W. C. LOO, Past Vice Cmdr of Post 11, Honolulu, T.H., named one of the ten outstanding young men of the Nation in 1956 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

DONALD H. DALTON, member of Post 15, Washington, D. C., awarded the Public Relations Certificate of Achievement of The American Public Relations Ass'n co-equally with Southeastern University (where he is a professor of Public Relations.)

## Died:

CLARKE WILBUR, member of The American Legion Accident Prevention Committee; in Grand Rapids, Mich.

DR. TRACY A. CURREY, Chmn of the Rehabilitation Commission of Dep't of West Virginia.

MAPLE G. HARL, Chmn of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., and a longtime Legionnaire; in Washington, D. C.

COMRADES  
IN DISTRESS

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

Send notices to: *Comrades in Distress, The American Legion Magazine*, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

## Army

3rd Div, 4th Inf, Co B—Need to contact anyone who served with me when I was gassed and suffered shellshock about July 24, 1918, especially Jerry Turner, Cpl Sedlak, and Sgt Beadman. Also need to contact anyone who was in a Special Casual Co attached to Evac Hosp #7 in Oct. and part of Nov. 1918. I was a platoon sgt in Co B, 4th Inf, and was acting



1st Sgt of the Special Casual Co. Write me, **Frank C. Pierce**, 319 Iturbide St., Laredo, Tex. Claim pending.

**3rd Div, 18th FA, Btry D**—Need to locate Pvt Gallger, who will remember when truck ran over me and broke my foot. Gallger and I were buddies from July 15, 1918, through June 1919 in Germany when I was injured and sent to hospital in Cambenz. Write me, **Claud E. Jones**, Crump, Tenn.

**7th Cav**—Need to hear from anyone who served with me at Fort Bliss, Tex., between Sept. 1935 and Sept. 1938, who recalls that I had serious stomach trouble in 1938. I was a dining room orderly in Troop E of the 7th. Write me, **Robert Foreman**, Checotah, Okla. Claim pending.

**27th Div, 106th Inf, Co B (formerly the 23rd of Brooklyn)**—Need help on claim from anyone who served with me on the Mexican Border at Pharr, Tex., in 1916, or at Spartanburg, S. C., or at Croton, N.Y. (where we guarded the N.Y. City water supply before moving to the border). Especially recall: Sgts Jack Onderdonk, Sweeney, Borchers; Lt Brill; Pvs Red Kelly, Benny La Cove, Davis. Write me, **H. B. Butler**, 7100 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn 9, N. Y.

**36th Div, 141st Inf, 3rd Bn, Sniper Sec**—Need help on claim from anyone who remembers that I was gassed on Oct. 15, the night before the Germans retreated. The sniper sections followed them the next morning. Sgt Bruce R. Ferrell carried all my equipment to enable me to keep up. Lt Douglas A. Lawley was in charge of the sniper section. I was a corporal at the time; my nickname was "Patriotic Pat." Need to contact officers of the 142nd Inf (and especially Col Jackson) who sent Cpl William O. Smith and me to our regt after Cpl Smith was shellshocked and I was shaken up by a big one on Oct. 11, 1918. Also need to locate anyone who recalls that I had my pack knocked off by a mortar shell, or that I was poisoned on canned tomatoes, and anyone who was in the **Sniper Sections of the 141st, 142nd, 143rd, or 144th Inf Regts**. Write me, **A. W. Robertson**, Box 53, R. D. 3, Danville, Ind.

**79th Div, 314th Inf, Co B**—Need to locate the doctor who treated me for frostbite of the ears in dispensary at Camp Phillips, Kans., Dec. 14-24, 1943. Write me, (former Pvt) **John F. Del Villar**, 909 Elizabeth St., Key West, Fla. Claim pending.

**90th Div, 357th Inf**—Need to hear from anyone who recalls that Sgt Stewart Goodrich was wounded and captured in Normandy about July 7, 1944. Also need to hear from anyone who was in **German prison camp** with him. Write me, Mrs. Stewart Goodrich, General Delivery, LaPorte, Colo.

**93rd Div, 368th Inf, 3rd Bn, Hq Co**—Need help on claim from anyone who served with me and who knows that I was treated for sick headaches, stomach pains, leg injury, nerve condition, and a peeling of the flesh on my left hand (jungle rot) in the Philippines in late 1945. I was also hospitalized in New Guinea in late 1944 or early 1945. My leg was injured at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Especially need to contact: Capt Clarence C. Allen (doctor from Atlanta, Ga.); T/Sgt Stanley Morgan (Miami, Fla.); Sgts "Branch" (Tex.), Lawrence Jones (Ark.), Mansen, Lawson (Chicago, Ill.), Slaughter Fortune (La.), Freddie L. King (Cleveland, Ohio), Walter E. Bullock of Rocky Mount, N. C. (hospitalized with me in Philippines), Robert Murray (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Andrew Jackson (Los Angeles, Calif.), and John T. Valdez (Colo.); Pvs Rufus Dunlap and Herbert Studeman (both of Wadesboro, N. C.); Ted Caldwell (Shelby, N. C.); John Staples (Birmingham, Ala.); Cpl George Williams (New Orleans, La.); and Douglas L. Smith, Frank Rosemond, and "Hollis"—all of Detroit, Mich. I was a squad leader, and was made s/sgt before I was discharged. Write me, **Cleveland Diggs**, VA Hospital, Batavia, N. Y.

**97th Sig Bn (WW2)**—Need to locate anyone who served in this outfit, particularly Capt Robert Baker. Write me, **Clifford Grabbe**, 230 N. Oxford, Indianapolis, Ind. Claim pending.

**101st Airborne Div, 506th Parachute Inf, Co I**—Need help on claim from anyone who served with me during the jump in Holland, Sept. 18, 1944, when I landed on my knees and suffered injuries to my legs and feet. I landed on the furrowed ground within a yard of one of the shallow, dry irrigation ditches near the windmill and barn in the jump area. I joined my squad, but my injuries forced me to fall to the side. I was taken with other casualties to the field hospital set up in a monastery, and later in a school across the road. Write me, (former Pfc) **Claud Leon Tucker**, 3312 Pecos, Denver 11, Colo.

**106th Div, Div Hq Co**—Need to contact Sgt Bernard Kaufman, of G-3, Div Hq Co. I worked in Personnel of Div Hq Co in 1943 at Fort Jackson, S. C., and was discharged in Sept. of that year. Also need to hear from Lloyd Ickes. Write me, **Leon Hertz**, 1540 E. 102nd St., Brooklyn 36, N. Y. Claim pending.

**178th CA Bn, Btry B**—On May 8, 1942, my back was injured while I was playing softball at the Port of Embarkation in Oakland, Calif. It

bothered me in Hawaii, Guam, and the Marshall Islands. Now need to hear from anyone, especially John Kelly of Lowell, Mass., who remembers me. Write me, **Robert Kent**, 5 Fordham Drive, East Norwalk, Conn. Claim pending.

**225th AAA Searchlight Bn, Btry B**—In Jan. 1944 Pfc Leroy Shanklin was struck on the head over the right eye by an M1 rifle with a fixed bayonet; both of his eyes were blacked. He was not hospitalized, but a medic treated and patched up the eye that was more seriously injured. This occurred at St. Nazaire (or St. Dizaire), France. Now need to hear from anyone who recalls the incident. Write me, Mrs. Gertrude Shanklin, 137½ N. Fifth St., Coshocton, Ohio. Claim pending.

**503rd Parachute Inf, Hq Co**—Need to hear from anyone who was with me when I hurt my back on my third jump while qualifying at Fort Benning, Ga., in Feb. 1942. Also need to hear from anyone who served with me in Germany with the **99th Div, 393rd Inf, Co M, 1st Plat** when I was wounded by a German bazooka shell about Apr. 2, 1945; I was not hospitalized. Write me, **Kenneth L. Shadday**, R. D. 1, Holton, Ind. Claim pending.

**658th Amphib Tractor Bn, Co A, 3rd Plat**—Need help on claim from anyone who served with me and who remembers the accident in which my back was injured in the Philippines. I was shipped from Negros to the **44th Gen (or Evac) Hosp** on Leyte. Especially need to hear from Cpl Joe Wargo or Capt Jesse R. Ward. Write me, **Glen H. Boulis**, Star Route, Sanford, Mich.

**829th Engr Avn Bn, Hq Co**—Need to hear from anyone who served with me in England and France. I suffered a back injury; I also had trouble with my eyes and feet. I was a T/4 and a heavy equipment construction machine operator. Write me, **Melvin Thomas**, 120 Calvert Street, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

**Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Co 19-1** fell backwards down a flight of stairs in a barrack at Fort Des Moines, and was treated at the Regional Hospital there. Many X-rays were made, and I was hospitalized for several weeks. Now need to hear from anyone who remembers my injury, especially my commanding officer and the doctor who treated me at the Regional Hospital on Aug. 17, 1943. Write me, (former Pvt) **Vernetta D. Shepherd**, 310 Cleveland Lane SW, Birmingham 6, Ala. Claim pending.

**Rhoads Gen Hosp, Ward B-110**—Need to locate Lt Taylor, who was in charge of Ward B-110 about Jan. 20, 1944, and Leonard J. Wnukowski, who was a patient in that ward at that

time. Write me, **Justin L. Jaquay**, P. O. Box 65, Groton, Mass. Claim pending.

**University of Texas, SATC, Co 7**—Need to locate 1st Lt Gordon R. Baer, commanding officer of Co 7 in 1918, to help prove I received a back injury. His last known address was Johnstown, Pa. Write me, **William F. Birek**, Box 366, Rocksprings, Tex. Claim pending.

## Navy

**Communication 127 Point 4, N.O.I.C. (WW2)**—I was treated for an ear condition in Plymouth, England, in France, and aboard the **USS Alvamire** in June 1945 while en route to the U. S. Need help on claim from anyone who remembers me. Write me, (former MoMM 2c) **Everett S. Phillips**, 153 Cady Ave., Warwick, R. I.

**Great Lakes, Ill., Camp Dewey, 1st Regt, Co B**—My late husband, **Stephen Howe Arnold**, received a head injury and broken arm in an accident with four others on Aug. 12, 1918, and was hospitalized. Now need to locate anyone who remembers my husband or the accident, especially: D. F. (Frenchy) Longne, Wooten, A. P. Kennedy, Joe Wooster, Parmetter, Burlette, and Fife. Write me, Mrs. S. H. Arnold, Box 315, Baxter Springs, Kans. Claim pending.

**USS Barrow**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers that **Sic Theodore Landers** of the 1st Div had back trouble and reported to sickbay while at Okinawa, especially from: Steinbrook (Oreg.), Butler (Okla.), Clark, Sheadron (Ark.), Grote (Iowa). Write me, Mrs. Theodore Landers, Cave City, Ark. Claim pending.

**USS Kangaroo**—I was called the "Baby of the USS Kangaroo," and my nickname was "Chicken." I was troubled by nervousness, and I often was treated by the pharmacist's mate. Now need help on claim from anyone who remembers me. Write me, **Ivin Gunther**, 1323 Carroll Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

**USS Kearsarge (WW1)**—I was hit on the head with a lead ball on the ash whip and was knocked out and taken to sickbay. Now need to hear from anyone who served with me. My nickname was "Daisy." Write me, **Elmer M. Bloon**, 119 Cumberland Village, Carmichaels, Pa. Claim pending.

**USS Marietta (WW1)**—Need to locate men who served with me in this ship near the close of WW1 during a flu epidemic while the ship was at Brest, France. Write me, Nels K.

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## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

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Boyd, Box 262, Rt. 2, Portland 9, Oreg. Claim pending.

**USS Nashville (1943-46)**—While I was serving aboard this ship, my back was injured, and I was sent to **Mare Island Hospital**, Vallejo, Calif. Need to hear from Lt (jg) Bushong, and Williams and Clifton—both officers. Also need to hear from anyone who served with me in the 2nd Div in the Nashville. Write me, **Frank T. Omohundro**, 1743 Tulane Ave., E. Palo Alto, Calif. Claim pending.

## Air

**Sheppard Field, Tex., Basic Training Unit, 303rd Sqdn, Flight C**—Need to contact anyone who served in this outfit during the period Apr. 1 to May 30, 1944. Especially recall Lewis (Okla.) a large, good-natured Indian, and Jones (Okla.) who had to take rabies shots while in this sqdn. Write me, **Charles T. Lee**, 4406 35th St., Lubbock, Tex. Claim pending.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

Send notices to: **Outfit Reunions, The American Legion Magazine**, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

## Army

**1st Med Regt**—(Sept.) Raymond E. Clapp, 415 16th St., Silvis, Ill.

**2nd Div**—(July) I. Kaufman, P.O. Box 234, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

**3rd Inf, Co A (WW1)**—(Sept.) William D. Blacmire, 9611 Wicker Pk. Blvd., Highland, Ind.

**4th Armored Div**—(June) Anthony J. Passanante, P.O. Box 42, Kearny, N.J.

**4th Sig Service Co**—(Sept.) Richard Wilhur, 572 Oakwood Ave., Syracuse 5, N.Y.

**5th Cav Regt**—(Sept.) H. Robertson, 7527 Rugby St., Philadelphia, Pa.

**6th Cav**—(June) David E. Von Schaaf, P.O. Box 987, Chattanooga, Tenn.

**6th Div**—(Aug.) James E. Wittstruck, 4201 B St., Lincoln, Neb.

**6th Engrs, Co E (WW1)**—(Aug.) Eric A. Scott, R. D. 5, Fort Wayne 8, Ind.

**9th Div**—(July) Stanley Cohen, P.O. Box 66, Livingston, N.J.

**10th FA (WW1)**—(July) Joseph Bermingham, 10614 Ave. N, Chicago, Ill.

**15th Major Port, TC (WW2)**—(Aug.) Roland O. Schaefer, 1805 Sybil Court, Lemay 23, Mo.

**21st Engrs, Light Ry (WW1)**—(Oct.) J. H. Brooks, 1217 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.

**24th Div**—(Aug.) Edmund F. Henry, 1st Natl. Bank Bldg., Attleboro, Mass.

**33rd Div**—(June) George D. Radcliffe, Room 508, Morrison Hotel, Chicago 3, Ill.

**33rd Div, Detroit & Mich. Chapter**—(July) Roe L. Green, P.O. Box 473, Detroit 31, Mich.

**36th QM Bn**—(Sept.) Pat V. Masturzo, 37 S. Valley St., Akron 3, Ohio.

**37th Field Hosp**—(June) Harold Longley, 3446 West Point, Dearborn, Mich.

**44th Ord Bn, Hq and Med Det**—(June) Archie C. Epes, 923 Euclid, El Dorado, Ark.

**51st Med Bn**—(June) Charles E. Sharon, 1209 Florence Dr., Harrisburg, Pa.

**52nd Engr Combat Bn (WW2)**—(Aug.) Otto H. Mickel, Box 6, Hamlin, Pa.

**55th FA Bn (WW2)**—(July) William H. Taylor, 1404 Regina St., Harrisburg, Pa.

**62nd Armored FA Bn**—(Aug.) John R. Howerton, 9988 Live Oak, Fontana, Calif.

**64th Med Regt**—(Aug.) James Weber, 707 S. 6th St., St. Charles, Mo.

**68th CAC Regt, Btry B (WW1)**—(Oct.) Ben H. Holman, 530 W. Peru St., Princeton, Ill.

**70th Tank Bn**—(July) James W. Vance, 7203 Hawthorne St., Landover, Md.

**77th Div**—(Nov.) J. Woolwich, 28 E. 39th St., New York 16, N.Y.

**81st Div**—(Aug.) John Scholz, 843 W. Agatite, Chicago 40, Ill.

**82nd Airborne Div**—(July) Grant M. Day, 5572 Red Bank Road, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

**88th Div**—(Aug.) Tony Mildner, 2443 S. Woodstock St., Philadelphia 45, Pa.

**101st Airborne Div**—(Aug.) Leo J. DePaul, 16104 Invermere Rd., Cleveland 28, Ohio.

**102nd Div**—(July) Lewis E. Grabke, 8120 Grayfield, Dearborn, Mich.

**107th Amb Co (WW1)**—(Nov.) Col. William Rich, 200 Cranford Place, Teaneck, N.J.

**114th FA, Btry B**—(Sept.) W. F. Orton, 2102 Bailey Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

**115th Inf, Co A**—(June) Willis M. Ray Spurrier,

411 Delaware Road, Frederick, Md.

**123rd MG, Co C (WW1)**—(Sept.) Leo Randolph, Delaware, Ill.

**128th Inf, Hq Co (WW1)**—(June) W. E. McKeand, 307 Craig St., Fort Atkinson, Wis.

**134th Inf, Co A and 5th Nebr Inf, Co A (WW1 and Mexican Border)**—(Sept.) Montie E. Lum, Court House, McCook, Neb.

**136th AAA Gun Bn (Mobile)**—(Sept.) Fred E. Barnhart, Main St., Bruin, Pa.

**138th Inf, Co L (AEF)**—(Aug.) Joseph H. Stephens, 5079a Durant Ave., St. Louis 15, Mo.

**140th Inf, Co B (WW1)**—(Sept.) E. C. Pete Lohse, Pilot Grove, Mo.

**149th Inf**—(July) Henry J. Potter, Sr., 521 Brentmoor Dr., Bowling Green, Ky.

**152nd Inf, Service Co**—(June) Donald L. Parker, 2626 Poinsette, Fort Wayne, Ind.

**163rd FA Bn, Btry C**—(June) Henry J. Wisniewski, 2210 Eckart, Fort Wayne, Ind.

**163rd Inf (WW2)**—(Sept.) Jack Weiser, 1100 N. Main, Helena, Mont.

**175th Army Postal Unit**—(June) Lee E. Dale, Fond du Lac, Wis.

**198th Sig Photo Co (formerly 283rd Sig Pigeon Co)**—(July) Frank Cuda, 3821 Park Ave., Brookfield, Ill.

**199th Ord Depot Co**—(June) James S. Ruda, 4125 Bell St., Norwood 12, Ohio.

**204th AA, Btry D**—(Aug.) Lauren G. Wagner, Box 82, Pemberville, Ohio.

**213th CA (AA)**—(Aug.) Charles R. Young, 908 Walnut St., Lebanon, Pa.

**247th Engr Combat Bn, Co B**—(Sept.) Hy Margolis, 1434 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio.

**273rd FA Bn (WW2)**—(Aug.) F. E. Kelley, 3400 Marsh Ave., Hannibal, Mo.

**291st Ord**—(July) Larry C. Weeks, 3228 W. Beach, Chicago, Ill.

**302nd Inf, Co L**—(Aug.-Sept.) Ray Wagner, 304 S. 9th St., Quakertown, Pa.

**307th Airborne Engrs**—(July) Spike Lynch, Engine 59, C. F. D., 818 W. Exchange Ave., Chicago 9, Ill.

**312th Field Sig Bn (WW1)**—(June) H. E. Waters, 849 Olga St., New Orleans 19, La.

**367th Harhor Craft Co**—(Sept.) R. E. Longwill, 531 Oak St., Indiana, Pa.

**381st AAA AW Bn, Btry A (WW2)**—(Aug.) James L. Kromm, Box 94, Kunkle, Ohio.

**410th Inf**—(Aug.) Cecil M. Brown, 7400 Charlotte St., Kansas City 10, Mo.

**435th AAA AW Bn**—(Aug.-Sept.) Edward F. Steiger, 6232 Lundy Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.

**437th MP Escort Guard Co**—(July) John C. Wozniak, 1043 Briggs St., Stevens Point, Wis.

**472nd Engr Maint Co (WW2)**—(Aug.) M. L. Misfeldt, 2238 Grove St., Davenport, Iowa.

**533rd EB&SR, Co D**—(June) Karl W. Brandt, R. D. 1, Anna, Ohio.

**533rd QM Service Bn, Co C (later 4143rd Service**

**Co, 5th Amphib Brigade**—(Sept.) Hank Nice, 4835 Main St., Buffalo 26, N.Y.

**560th Ord Tank Maint Co**—(June) Charles S. Miller, 22 Davis Drive, Milford, Conn.

**613th OBAM Bn**—(Aug.-Sept.) Leonard Aurand, Lewistown, Pa.

**714th Ry Operating Bn**—(June) Lew Workman, 6408 Newton St., Minneapolis 7, Minn.

**730th Ry Operating Bn**—(Aug.) R. C. Bodine, Jr., 4014 Oliver St., Fort Wayne 5, Ind.

**740th AAA Gun Bn, Btry C**—(July) John Beard, 134 W. Florence Ave., Syracuse, N.Y.

**744th Ry Operating Bn**—(June) Richard Mancini, 89-73 215th St., Queens Village 27, N.Y.

**745th Ry Operating Bn**—(June) Edward B. Lewis, Route 5, Knoxville, Tenn.

**746th Ry Operating Bn, Co C**—(June) Maurice M. Welch, 263 Homcroft Road, Syracuse 6, N.Y.

**749th Ry Operating Bn**—(July) Don Gothard, 84 Dana Ave., Columbus 22, Ohio.

**753rd Ry Shop Bn**—(June) Charles Seyler, P.O. Box 55, Bucyrus, Ohio.

**759th Ry Operating Bn**—(Aug.) H. W. Weiler, 1506 Missouri Pacific Bldg., St. Louis 3, Mo.

**776th AAA AW Bn, Btry B**—(June) Robert G. Shindler, 203 Pomeroy Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.

**807th TD Bn**—(Aug.) Hardin B. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N.C.

**893rd AAA AW Bn, Btry A**—(Aug.) Doc Goldstein, 18-26 Hillery St., Fair Lawn, N.J.

**904th FA Bn**—(July) Thomas W. Murray, 1249 McNeilly Road, Dormont, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

**924th FA Bn, Btry A**—(July) Lionel McGreary, 6810 Paducah Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

**3114th Sig Service Bn**—(Aug.) C. L. Hutcheson, 293 S. 35th, Springfield, Oreg.

**4287th QM Salvage Repair Depot**—(July) Walter Winger, 60-03 Marathon Pky., Little Neck 62, N.Y.

**Adak QM**—(Aug.) Fred Fischer, 3790 W. 77th St., Westminster, Colo.

**Americal Ord Assn**—(Aug.) James L. Bertie, 1618 Hillcrest, Cleveland 18, Ohio.

**Evac Hosp No. 13 (WW1)**—(Aug.-Sept.) Leo J. Bell, 808 Ash St., Toledo, Ohio.

**Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa, Army training unit** (Aug. 15-Oct. 15, 1918)—(June) C. W. Morgan, 800 Olive St., Atlantic, Iowa.

## Navy

**2nd Marine Div**—(July) Anton E. Pesl, 747 Holmes Ave., Ontario, Calif.

**4th Amphib Tractor Bn (USMC, WW2)**—(Aug.) Dick Evans, 8159 Aber Road, Verona, Pa.

**18th Seahees**—(June) James F. Hosford, 1405 Ferris Ave., Waxahachie, Tex.

**30th Seahees**—(June) Frank A. Manges, 261 Winchester St., Rochester, N.Y.

**80th Seahees**—(Aug.) Gilbert S. Hampton, 60 Stratford Place, Newark 8, N.J.

**93rd Seahees**—(Aug.) Charles B. Lindsay, 150 Llewellyn Ave., Westerville, Ohio.

**Cargo Handling Bn No. 1**—(Sept.) George J. Clark, Pleasant Ave., R.D. 1, Scarborough, Maine.

**"F" Assn (Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Firefighters)**—(Aug.) L. B. McGurk, 414 Woodlawn Ave., Streator, Ill.

**Submarine Vets of WW2**—(Sept.) Ernest T. Rosing, 1409 S. East Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

**USS PC 470**—(July) James W. Zink, 4305 Berwick Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

**USS President Adams**—(Sept.) Albert M. Filipelli, 1546 Kimball St., Brooklyn 34, N.Y.

**USS Quincy**—(Aug.) Edward Moore, 173 Carlton Terrace, Teaneck, N.J.

**USS Roche**—(Sept.) Edward J. Para, Box 261, Winfield, Ill.

**USS Trego**—(July) M. A. Garner, Box 87-G, Route 4, Greenwood, S.C.

**USS Washington**—(July) John A. Brown, 1503 1/2 N. Fourth St., Columbus 1, Ohio.

**USS Zeal**—(Aug.) Lewis A. Goodelle, 71 Jackson St., Weedsport, N.Y.

**WAVES and ex-WAVES**—(July) Natl. WAVES Reunion 1957, 495 Summer St., Boston 10, Mass.

## Air

**50th Troop Carrier Wing, Hq and Hq Sqdn**—(June) Robert J. South, 1925 S. 19th St., Springfield, Ill.

**99th Bomb Group**—(June) Don Hemingson, Algonia, Iowa.

**138th Aero Sqdn (WW1)**—(Oct.) Joseph P. Lafond, 4248 Washington Blvd., Chicago 24, Ill.

**325th Fighter Group**—(Aug.) A. J. Batulewick, 1440 E. 53rd St., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

**463rd Aero Sqdn (WW1)**—(June) Bill Scarrow, Box 6, Goodland, Kans.

**496th and 497th (old 200th and 201st) Aero Sqdns and 492nd Aero Sqdn (WW1)**—Sydney S. Braunschweig, 1540 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

**646th Aero Supply Sqdn (WW1)**—(Sept.) Albert F. Wickens, Room 109, City Hall, Newark 2, N.J.

**1721st MM and 798th ARM, Ord Section, Hq Sqdn, 34th Air Depot Group**—(Aug.) Leonard F. Nesiba, 305 6th St., St. Paul, Neb.

**Independence Army Air Field, Kans. (military and civilian personnel)**—(June) I.A.A.F. Reunion Assn., P.O. Box 503, Independence, Kans.

**WAC's and WAF's stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. (1943 to date)**—(Oct.) Lillian Drelicharz, 2302 N. Lockwood Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.

### THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MARCH 31, 1957 ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit	\$ 375,422.77
Receivables	214,732.88
Inventories	566,444.54
Invested Funds	1,652,733.39
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	\$ 266,124.15
Employees Retirement Trust Fund	2,157,664.90
Real Estate	978,243.65
Furniture and Fixtures, less Depreciation	230,302.96
Deferred Charges	137,102.25
	<u>\$6,578,771.49</u>

### LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

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Reserve for Washington Building	16,429.37
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## CAMPING MADE EASY

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tary with foil. Here's an example: take a freshly caught, cleaned fish, add a strip of bacon or a teaspoon of fat, salt and pepper, add several slices of onion and potato, and wrap the entire works in an airtight foil package. Place the package on a low fire for from 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the size. The finished product is an extremely robust and tasty meal in itself. It can be eaten right from the package because foil cools quickly when removed from the fire.

Potatoes can be wrapped in foil and placed directly on the fire for baking. Apples can be handled the same way; when the core is replaced with syrup or sugar, they make a grand dessert. Any food is less perishable when wrapped and stored in foil; it is also safe from insects. A grand stew or chowder can be prepared with foil in lieu of a cook-stove. Here's how:

Dig a small hole and build a fire in the bottom of it. Now cut up meat or fish in inch-square chunks. Season it and add as wide a mixture of chopped vegetables as is on hand. Wrap the whole mixture in a "bag" of several thicknesses of foil, add water and seal the bag by twisting it at the top. When the fire is reduced to hot coals, set the container on top, and fill around the sides with loose earth excavated from the pit. It will simmer and cook all day while you fish or explore elsewhere.

Other camp uses for foil include: a smooth table surface for eating or for tinkering with tackle, handy wrapper for soap, waterproof wrapper for matches, a mirror for shaving in a pinch,

"one-way" pouch for carrying lunch or a sandwich in a pocket, reflector for a camp lantern.

The first fishing-camping trip I made with Homer King was a lesson I'll never forget. He borrowed a trick from the hobo's handbook and put it to unbelievably good use. He carried a lard can—just a simple, five-gallon lard can—and that took care of the cooking problem.

First, Homer built a fire and placed the lard can on its side, open and facing the blaze. Next he mixed a cornbread batter and placed it in the shallow lid, which in turn was placed inside the can (crude reflector oven) to form a shelf. When it was crusted a golden brown, he removed the bread and used the lid as a skillet over the fire to pan-fry some bass fillets. At the same time he filled the can with water and put it on the fire next to the skillet. In a few minutes we had hot water for coffee and plenty left over to wash the dishes. The whole operation was unusually quick and efficient.

But that wasn't the half of it. The lid was later used for frying eggs and as a griddle for hotcakes. The can was used as a cooler for bottled beverages. On one occasion it was buried underground and used as an airtight refrigerator. Another time, when our camping party was much larger, Homer used the can to cook a stew for the whole gang.

With straps attached, it can be carried like a packsack or it can be lashed to a packboard. It can serve as a container for any kind of bait and, with holes punched in the bottom, it can be tied in a tree and used as a field shower.



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There's a new boom in station wagon camping nowadays, and it's a vast improvement over living from a jeep and barracks bag. With little gear, America's wandering anglers can fish completely across the country on a budget that was once impossible. They merely fish as long in one place as they like and then roll along to another site. I've fished completely across Canada two summers running and often in almost virgin waters, from my station wagon. The trips covered thousands of miles, thousands of fish, and no end of new experiences.

Sport and vacation shows this past winter have unveiled numerous small sleeping trailers, some of them collapsible, designed with the growing number of camper-sportsmen in mind. It's even possible to make collapsible models in home workshops. Their advantages to fishing families are tremendous.

No place in the world offers so much to fishermen-campers as North America. Our National Parks (and those in Canada as well) contain not only the most magnificent scenery, but some of the finest fishing too. Facilities there for campers are currently being improved and expanded. Even more of the best in fishing occurs on millions of acres of U. S. Forest Service land and nearly all of it is open range for campers. So are many sections of our National Monuments and National Wildlife Refuges, the latter administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service. A post card or letter to either the National Parks Service or the U. S. Forest Service, both in Washington 25, D. C., will obtain a map or brochure on the numerous outdoor facilities available to everyone.

Almost of equal importance to angler-campers are the many State parks and similar public areas across the land. Some States which have particularly fine potential for campers are Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, South Dakota, Washington, New York, California and Ohio. A note to any State Department of Parks, State Capitol, will quickly obtain the important details.

Frank Sayers and I have camped together for many years, and we've en-

joyed fishing that wouldn't have been possible any other way. We've even found amazing sport right near home.

We've learned that most of the common game fishes in America strike best early and late in the day, and by camping on the spot we're able to take advantage of those busy periods. Some fish—like smallmouth bass, catfish, or brown trout in fresh water and ladyfish, snook, striped bass, or mackerel in salt water—are largely nocturnal, and camping has given us a better chance to catch them.

Of course we have this camping business down to a science now. We travel light, we try to live off the land to some extent, and we find that every trip turns up a new experience. Our tent is a cotton explorer model that weighs only a few pounds. Extra-lightweight sleeping bags and air mattresses take up little space either in the car trunk, in knapsacks, or in a canoe. Except for more permanent camps late in the season, we dispense with the gasoline stove and instead substitute a small grill.

Once we select a river bank campsite, both of us scout for provisions. In our country farmers are always willing to sell roasting ears of sweet corn, fresh eggs, vegetables, and broiling chickens. We obtain watercress for salad from the same streams we fish. At various other times of the year the countryside contains wild pawpaws, hazelnuts, blackberries, asparagus, wild greens, and mushrooms; all of these go on the menu.

Sometimes after dark we set out turtle lines (snapper is one of the most delicious wild meats) or try to collect enough bullfrogs for a frog leg dinner. In a restaurant the latter alone would cost more than our entire trip. Usually we also set out a trotline overnight to try to catch a large catfish. If we're successful, it means fried fillets and broiled catfish steaks, both with hushpuppies. Elsewhere campers could obtain clams, crabs, lobsters, or crayfish.

No matter whether we're having the catfish or bass, or chicken bought from the farmer, Frank begins with a willow fire between several large streamside boulders placed to support our small grill. After the fire dies down, he paints the meat with a previously prepared liquor of vinegar, salad oil, pepper, and garlic. Then slow broiling begins and that alone is worth any camping-fishing trip.

Frank has also devised a means for smoking trout and catfish right on the river bank. He digs a narrow, sloping pit and builds a willow fire in the lower end. The fish are salted and placed on the grill in the higher end, and the entire pit is covered with aluminum foil. Smoking may last the best part of the day, or whenever fishing is the slowest.

The camping craze has recently received new recruits from the boom in boating, for it's such an easy matter to take a trip by small boat and to camp on shore at night. It can be a float trip downstream or a trip by motor through a chain of lakes. It simply combines still another outdoor pleasure with those of living outdoors and fishing. The same basic equipment is necessary and the same advice holds true. There's just one word of caution: water travel adds another minor hazard to consider. It's the wise outdoorsman who makes sure every camping trip isn't his last.

The truth is that a camping-fishing trip has everything—no telephones, no television or radio.

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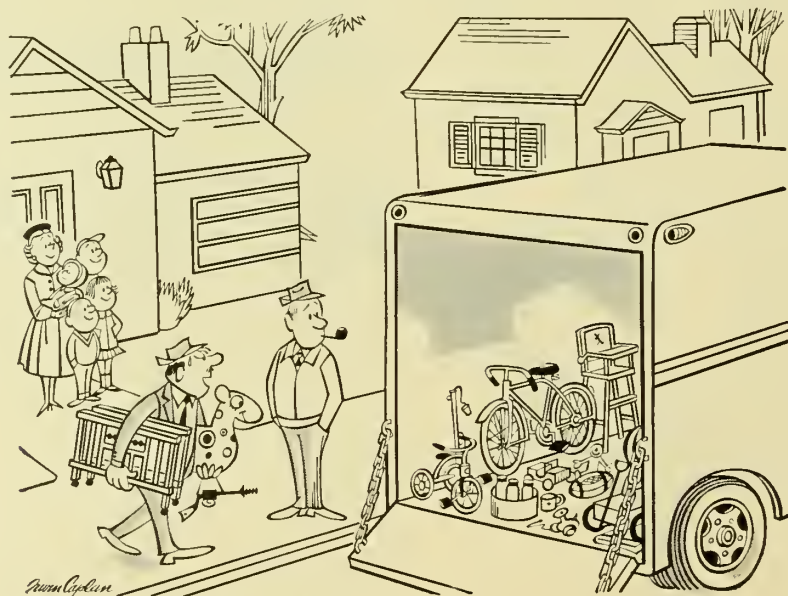
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"Well, it gets us there and gets us back."



## ROD AND GUN CLUB

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**EARLE G. GALE**, 400 Edna St., Del Rio, Tex., has an item that makes fish cleaning, the one end of the sport no ones goes for, easy, unmessy, and sure fire. "Put those fish in the deep freezer overnight until they are solidly frozen," he says, "then take your cleaver or sharp knife (or freezer knife with serrated edges) and stand the fish on his nose and chop the fins, head, and tail off. Lay the fish on its belly and split down the backbone. Once that is done, the entrails lift out easily. Now take a pair of pliers and just peel the skin off. Rewrap and put back in the freezer."

**WE WERE GRIEVED** to hear that Bache Brown, the man who introduced spinning to America and was instrumental in making it this country's most popular method of fishing, is dead at 65. Shortly before World War II, he became acquainted with spinning tackle in Belgium and began importing spinning reels to this country. When the war slowed imports, he decided to make the reels himself and became associated with the Airex Corporation. The rest, as every American fisherman knows, is history.



**GENE VERZONE**, 235 Canto St., Randolph, Mass., opines: "When long trips are necessary for good fishing and you are lugging live bait, I suggest that you inflate an inner tube to capacity, loosen the check valve only slightly and attach a three foot length of rubber hose to the valve stem. Now all you have to do is place the tube in the trunk of your car, set the bait bucket beside the tube, insert the loose end of the hose in the bucket, and you have a home-made aerator that will last for hours, cost practically nothing, and will keep the bait alive for as long as you keep air in the tube."

**VITAL STATISTICS** from the 1956 hunting season in the State of Pennsylvania have arrived. There were 446 nonfatal casualties and 30 fatal casualties reported. One nonfatal accident out of every 2,084 licenses, and one fatality out of every 30,989 licenses. Reports indicate 929,678 hunting licenses were issued in Pennsylvania in 1956.

**DR. JOHN MOYLE**, of the Conservation Department of Minnesota, revealed that the 316,259 nonresident fishermen who visited his State last year paid an average of \$3.20 for each pound of fish taken. This is the average for most other States. He also reported that some fishermen were told they could eat the best prime steak at about half the price. "But," most of them replied, "who wants to eat steak when you can go fishing?"

"DO YOU REMEMBER those GI sewing kits we were issued?" asks Vernon W. Amundson, 2340 6th St. S., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Can't forget the blasted things, we say. "Well," Vernon offers, "remove the buttons, needle, thread and that kind of junk and replace them with leaders. The felt flap is ideal for holding an assortment of your favorite flies or hooks. The whole thing fits easily into your pocket and makes the best fly, leader, and hook kit I've yet found."

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**ANDREW M. GOLLNER**, 635 Crowder Ave., Sharon, Pa., thinks that this may be the month to clean your trophies. "To do the job easily but well," he suggests, "rub white cornmeal into the fur or feathers, then brush. Repeat until cornmeal brushes out clean. This method also puts luster into the fur."

**READERS INTERESTED** in guns and shooting might like the magazine *Guns*, published at 8150 N. Central Park Blvd., Skokie, Ill. It's about the size and format of *The American Legion Magazine*, and contains many fine articles and features on guns and hunting. Price 50¢ per copy, \$5 per year.

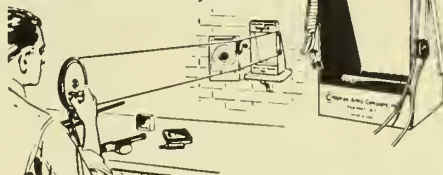
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of law and lulled away his mild prison sentence in a luxurious Federal prison. Our buddies are rotting in filthy Red China stink holes and are forgotten by men such as Alfred Knopf. And I imagine that Alger Hiss and his comrades rejoice in the plight of our sons. Let us never forget the treachery of Alger Hiss. In Russia, Hiss would have been shot forthwith—not given two trials. Let us remember the House of Knopf as being the haven of refuge for Alger Hiss.

George M. Jones  
Miami, Fla.

## WHAT'S WRONG?

Sir: I wish to congratulate Edwin C. Downen of Cleveland for his letter in "Sound Off!" He talks about the constant bickering, no rituals and no program at Post meetings. I was a member of one of the largest V.F.W. Posts in Greater St. Louis. I dropped out on that account. This is the third American Legion Post I've belonged to, but I am likely to blow this one too. I like the Legion and try to be a good Legionnaire. I manage to visit our Post at least once a week. However, I have yet to go there but what some one or group is arguing about some trivial matter, and it is never about Legion affairs.

Name Withheld  
St. Louis

## SOUTH DAKOTA REPORTS

Sir: In "Sound Off" for April Edwin C. Downen suggested that "reports should be sent to the Department on progress made by the Posts during the year." We have been doing that in South Dakota for many years. The reports are presented to the Commander when he and the Department Adjutant and Assistant Adjutant make the spring District tour in March. That is not all we have done in South Dakota. The American Legion City and County Government days have just concluded, and that originated in South Dakota. American Legion Junior Baseball also originated in South Dakota. We may not be the largest State or have the largest membership, but we have the greatest group of Legionnaires that know The American Legion and who are devoted to its cause.

S. A. Kirk,  
Sisseton, S. Dak.

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## THE OMAHA BEACH MYSTERY

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bombing that might have crippled the landing forces of a key beach. Indeed Jerry might have delayed the assault on Europe indefinitely.

And meanwhile Allied agents and our air reconnaissance were straining every means to warn the Supreme Commander of the preparation being made in Normandy by the enemy for our attack.

Was it just superstition? Was it only a silly premonition that prompted the captain to send me below for my "good luck" gear?

Now that I was satisfactorily "rigged" for a landing the captain and I discussed the weather and landing conditions for some time. We were interrupted by laughter from a group of Army officers standing near us. We turned and saw a seaman cautiously climbing into a landing boat—his hat held in his teeth.

It was Squirrel, one of the boat's crew. He was the ship clown and was unpredictable and fearless. Fearlessness he had demonstrated many times, notably at Fedala. After the heavy surf had broached his boat, he took a position on a sand dune at the edge of the beach and, armed with a rifle, calmly sat and fired at strafing enemy planes.

Now he was carefully approaching a bird that had perched on the outboard gunwale of the landing boat. As he lunged at it with his hat, the bird flew out over the channel, circled widely, glided back to the *Carroll*, and perched on the after end of the strongback above the same boat.

Squirrel stalked it again. Another

lunge and it flew away. This time it circled widely, investigated the ship astern, but returned to sit on the searchlight platform on the *Carroll's* signal bridge. A signalman tried to catch it without any luck and then called down. "I think it's a pigeon!"

The bird appeared tired; otherwise its persistent return to a resting place made no sense. Possibly fighting the storm of yesterday or the gusty winds of today had overcome its instinct to continue its flight to its destination.

I looked at it with my glasses. It was a pigeon! And on closer inspection I saw it was carrying an object.

I relayed this information to the captain, suggesting excitedly that we should increase our effort to snare it.

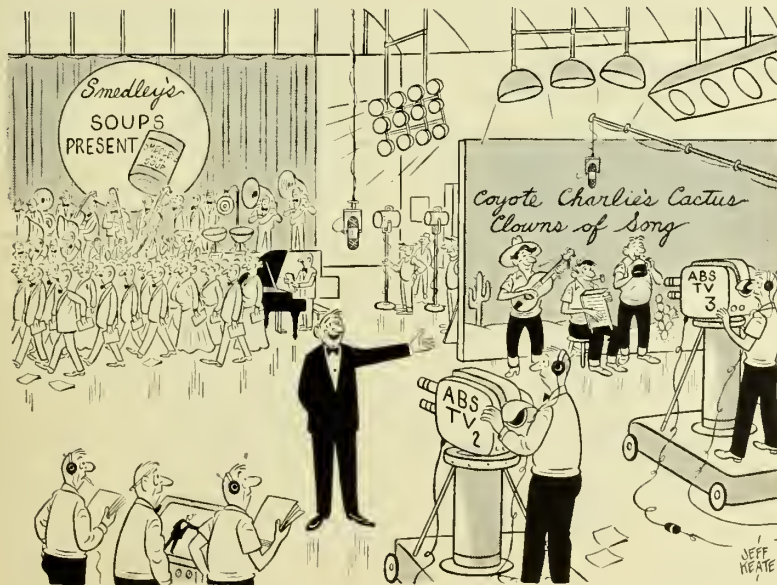
His reply surprised me.

"Leave it alone," he muttered. "Birds landing on ships are good luck."

At that point I went over to where my boss, the commodore, was settled in his chair on the port wing of the air defense deck. I reported the information on the pigeon to him. He was neither excited nor impressed, but finally agreed that we should try to capture the pigeon. If it was a carrier pigeon, as I suggested, and was not continuing its flight, the message it was carrying might have important bearing on the landings. It might be a German bird heading for home or one of our own trying to reach England from Normandy.

"Go ahead. Tell the captain to assign a couple of men as bird catchers, but don't let anyone get hurt."

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The captain wasn't happy with the instructions that I relayed to him. However, his admonition was different, "Don't let anyone hurt that pigeon."

Meanwhile the chase had gone on in a haphazard fashion. Now six men were assigned to the hunting party.

By this time the pigeon, frightened by attempts to catch it, had left the flagship several times, only to circle and return each time to a higher perch on the ship. It was now sitting quietly on the port yardarm above the signal bridge.

The commodore's orderly came on deck as the bird, frightened again, flew away. The commodore would like to know if I had captured the pigeon. I told the orderly to inform the commodore that the bird was still eluding us, that it was now sitting on one of the after kingposts, and if it went any higher we would never catch it.

In a few moments the seaman returned to report: "The commodore says to shoot the pigeon if necessary. He says it is not to get away. He wants that message."

Walking over to the captain, I said, "Captain, the commodore wants the pigeon to be shot. May I have the armorer bring up a .22-caliber target rifle?"

The captain started and then glared at me.

"This is damn foolishness. The answer is NO! I'll be no Ancient Mariner."

I repeated my request, emphasizing the possible importance of securing the message. It might contain enemy intelligence having a direct bearing on tomorrow's landings. In the meantime the pigeon had taken off of its own accord, this time for a long flight. My hopes sank. I was more convinced than ever that it was carrying an important message, and that the message might be vital to us. At this point I didn't care who originated the message—friend or foe—I wanted to see what the pigeon was carrying. By this time the Army

troop commander was similarly concerned.

Interest in the chase was high by now. Despite the gusty winds and the roll of the ship, the decks were crowded. The tenseness and suspense were almost audible.

In desperation I pressed the captain



"I suggest you put Herbie to bed for a week!"

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for permission to get a rifle. He continued adamant at the same time watching the pigeon as it wheeled farther away from the *Carroll*. At last he reluctantly gave permission and said:

"All right! Go ahead. Remember that you will be responsible for whatever results from this crazy stunt! I want nothing to do with the whole affair. This is just asking for trouble!"

I sent below for the rifle and ammunition and a rifleman. The pigeon was nearly out of range of my glasses before

it turned and started back to the ship. Buffeted by gusts of wind, it circled and investigated two other transports. At last it came to rest on the rail of the platform at the top of our foremast, almost directly over the center line of the ship.

The rifleman settled himself on the air defense deck for a careful aim. Only one shot would be possible. The erstwhile bird catchers gathered below the bird's perch ready to catch the pigeon when it fell.

I cautioned the marksman to wait for a lull in the wind gusts before firing. At that moment a strong gust of wind must have disturbed our prey, because it took off once more. It was only a short flight this time. The bird was obviously weary. It returned to perch on the top of the foremast—completely inaccessible.

It was now almost sunset. There wasn't much time or light left in which to capture the message.

The pigeon was jumpy. All hands were tense and waiting.

Only the rifleman was at ease and ready. I gave him the nod to fire.

With a lull in the wind there was a faint, flat crack from the .22. All eyes watching the pigeon saw no change. A miss? The bird quivered, collapsed, and started its fall to the deck, 150 feet below. Thirty feet from the waiting retrievers, strong gusts of wind caught the pigeon and dropped it into the Channel, clearing the rail and the eager hands by a scant two feet. Its message was lost forever!

Before daybreak next morning the troops landed on the bloodiest beach of Europe to find Omaha defended by an *extra* and unsuspected nazi division, the 352nd Infantry Division.

No one has ever learned the message the bird was carrying nor where the weary pigeon came from. It is still a mystery to which someone may have the answer.

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## PICTURES OUT OF A BOX!

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the user of such a camera is not interested in photography as such; he just wants to take some pictures now and then, and he hasn't the time or the inclination to learn about procedures that are often made to sound complicated. Since this kind of photographer does not insist on the very best results, the box camera comes with several built-in compromises.

He doesn't have to focus his camera, but he understands that he cannot take pictures of anything closer than ten or twelve feet, unless he uses a special lens attachment. He has only one shutter speed to think about, which may be as slow as 1/25 or as fast as 1/50 second,

depending on the make and model he owns. This will take action pictures if the action is not very fast, but obviously it will not stop any rapid motion. There is no need for him to learn about lens apertures of f/3.5, f/4.5 or anything else. His lens is likely to range from f/8 to f/16, with a rather simple arrangement for changing to an even smaller aperture if the light is especially bright. However, in most cases the box camera user doesn't even know what the aperture of his lens is.

This simple combination works out surprisingly well in actual practice. The relatively slow shutter speed does not have to be hooked up with a big lens to

spread enough light on the film to make an adequate exposure. The small lens does not require critical focusing. Indeed, because the optical factors result in reasonably sharp depth of field at distances beyond ten or twelve feet, no focusing device is provided.

For most people this simple set-up proves quite satisfactory. Such a camera can handle adequately most of the pictures they are interested in taking, particularly if they take the trouble to learn enough about their camera to get the most out of it.

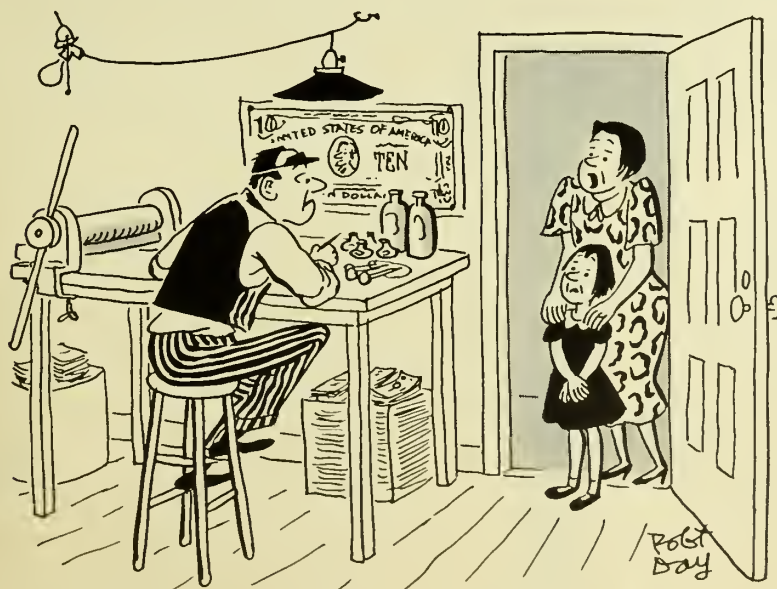
Obviously, the box camera cannot do as many things as more advanced cameras can, but here a curious situation



When any lens is closed down to a diameter as small as  $f/22$ , the laws of optics give you a tremendous break so far as focusing is concerned. Almost everything within range of your cam-

Indeed, if you take the kind of pictures that most people do, using the sun as your light source, the universal setting suggested for your camera will probably give you good pictures at least 90 percent of the time. Not only should they be as good as the best you ever took with that old reliable box camera, but considerably better. THE END

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## THE ATTACK ON DECENCY

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the game of offering a sly serving of sex, with overtones of "educational" value. Part of the pitch is to present a "sex lecture," which is a come-on, and to sell a book, at \$1.00 a copy. The book has been described by the lecturer in pitchman terms as something to take home and read. The suggestion is always made that it contains information that couldn't be obtained elsewhere.

In advertising this attraction, the operators have slapped together a double bill, with *Mom and Dad* as one picture and *She Couldn't Say No* the other, plus "the actual birth of a baby, both normal and Caesarian" as an educational short film. Sales lines used in such dignified newspapers as *The New York Times* read, "The Story that happens 2,000 times every night!" and "How bad can a good girl get?" They are sufficiently provocative to draw crowds. The commissioner of licenses closed the two theaters offering this program, but the always helpful courts opened them up again the following week. Kroger Babb, producer of *Mom and Dad*, proudly proclaims that he has been sued 418 times, and never lost a case. "In fact," he says, "the harder they hit me, the better I like it," for it helps business. In the most recent issue of *The New York Times*, as this is written, he takes even larger space to acknowledge these facts.

You may wonder why he always wins his court battles (only the State censorship laws could keep him out of New York), but it is easier to explain than you might believe. There is nothing shown as "the actual birth of a baby" that hasn't been illustrated in the national magazines. The story of *Mom*

and *Dad* is innocuous enough and could be shown in Sunday school for that matter. All the wickedness is in the advertising, and nobody knows that better than Mr. Babb, who uses the same approach that sold tickets to see Little Egypt at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. His sex book is not the juicy morsel that his lecturer describes, but might have been reprinted from the *Woman's Home Companion*. Most women's magazines have had broader interpretations of sex freely expressed in their pages, at considerably less cost.

But he boasts the showings here are a result of the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of the State of New York (since followed by the United States Supreme Court) and with the special permission of New York State's board of censorship (since they couldn't overrule the Supreme Court's very liberal decision). Most of the opposition to censorship comes from liberal and leftwing sources. The critic for *The New York Times* proclaims the Supreme Court decision as something that "should help wash out the roadblock that has obstructed artistic progress for many years. . . ." Obviously, the present generations have outgrown our Puritan ancestry, and today it's smart to be salacious, or even smutty.

Around the corner from Times Square another battle has been waged against the smut peddlers by Monsignor Joseph A. McCaffrey, of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, on 42nd Street. He fights pornographic literature, on sale in skid-row stores just off the Gay White Way. And he says the police will act, but the courts will always let offenders go, thus bringing Mr. Justice Frank-

further down to the level of the Magistrate's Court. Monsignor McCaffrey frankly states that city councilmen act as attorneys for the smut peddlers, and the smut peddlers go free. The benefit of this influence permits the stores to go right back in business again as often as police raids may confiscate the evidence. One councilman complained that he had only defended a couple of such cases, and he knew only one other Councilman who had done so.

One action, against the bookstores and their suppliers, has resulted in the seizure of 12,000 books as "dirty" and a score of legal processes against Avon Book Co., Diversey Publishing Co., and others who specialized in books written by Jack Woodford, author of *Dangerous Love* and *Untamed Darling*, in Supreme Court. The most notorious smut peddler of them all, Sam Roth, has been arrested many times, and has made ten million dollars in the smut racket, by his own admission. With "justice" officially on his side, he may make another ten million.

Prof. Pitirim Sorokin, of Harvard University, has said that "the U. S. is ruled by sex mania" and that we are drifting toward sex anarchy, as malignant as cancer and as menacing as communism.

There has been a flood of filth from abroad, where films are under no such moral obligation as we impose in America. French films have long employed the traditional Gallic elements of unfaithful wife-lover-husband-mistress (though there are indications that some Frenchmen are beginning to realize that this is a misconception which should be changed to make France look better in the eyes of the world). Sweden is often a source of pornographic films, and Italy has sent us more than a few motion pictures that are "earthy," to say the least. We don't seek to restrain these countries, for this is a free country. Unfortunately, many foreign film producers seem to consider the United States a nation of perverts.

The film industry is often blamed for the unsanitary condition of script or performance in cases where the best play or the best selling novel has reached the screen. Actually, the movie industry often fumigates material that meets Broadway's filth standards. Broadway "dirties it up" for the box office, and it is axiomatic to expect producers to make money in direct proportion to the amount of "dirt" they can get in, using situations and a sales approach that only mean added spice, to the potential draw. Too many shows have an element of filth, written in to obtain "word-of-mouth advertising,"



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which always means cash in the till.

The insidious infiltration of filth in our family life is a fact that may not be immediately apparent, but look around you and you'll see evidence of this intrusion. "Creep" is a dirty word in the underworld jargon, and there are creeps who seek to destroy our moral code. They crawl out of the woodwork, and should be taken care of by an exterminator, if we hope to preserve what is our most precious heritage. It is the attack against decency, in the typical American home, and that is where the attack will have to be met.

Mass-produced smut is being offered to children wherever they turn. We have pure food and drug laws to protect the public against physical contamination, and any manufacturer who dared to sell candy that would make children sick

would be quickly jailed. Yet peddlers of filthy books and pictures, which can make children mentally sick, are permitted to operate without restraints.

These unspeakable hucksters have in



"And that for your ring, Tex Larson!"

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effect been licensed by our courts to sell their mental poison, even though the results of their sales drives are apparent in police records of delinquency and sex crimes. The police could clean up the mess in short order, but their hands are tied by the courts. Many educators make an effort to combat the activities of the filth peddlers, but even in the schools there are those who condone smut since they feel that to fight it would seem to favor "censorship," which they oppose in every shape and form.

Clergymen of course oppose filthy books and films, but the results must be frustrating. Not only do clergymen have to stand up to the phony liberal element which seems dedicated to the overthrow of all moral values, but they even find themselves opposed by a small but publicity-conscious clique of clergymen who feel there is a commandment more important than the traditional ten which says: "Thou shalt not commit censorship, regardless of the provocation."

So the problem is left up to parents. It is they who must teach children the meaning of morality and the importance of decency. From parents must come warnings about the attacks being made on decency and the kind of people who will do anything or sell anything if they can make money doing so.

From parents must come one other thing—a good example. Obviously, children are not going to avoid smutty books when they find their parents reading them. Nor will they stay away from filthy movies when their parents patronize theaters which show such films. Only by standing together as clean and decent family units can Americans lick the problem posed by America's mammoth smut industry and the powerful pressure groups that protect it.

THE END

## Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. LAMBERT V. STUDZINSKI  
Pastor, St. Patrick's Church,  
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Almighty God, Infinitely Perfect, Creator of the universe and of all mankind, enlighten us that we may have the understanding to realize the great tasks before us. The constitution that binds us together in our American Legion draws its high purpose from its dedication to You. In this dedication, we humbly acknowledge our finite limitations. With that same humility we beseech You to pour down Your blessings upon our nation and upon us. Fill our minds and hearts with profound respect for the freedom we enjoy under Your beneficent Hand. Make us realize that this freedom comes from You, and that without You we can hope for nothing but slavery, tyranny, and oppression. Strengthen our wills that we might understand the futility of seeking freedom without You, enlighten our minds with truth, enkindle our hearts with a burning charity that will gain for us real and lasting peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

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### AS PREDICTED

**I**F YOU READ "Let's Take a Look at Our Own Canal" in our March issue, you may recall the following statement:

"What the Kremlin would control, it first is willing to make everybody's business. 'Internationalizing' of our canal would be a long step toward accomplishing the aims of world communism."

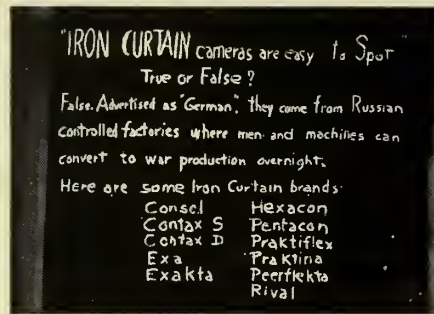
Amplifying this point, the article told how Alger Hiss & Co. had set things up so the Soviet could eventually move in for the kill. The time seems to be approaching. In April the U.S.S.R. started a propaganda clamor against the way the United States was running the Panama Canal. Seems we discriminated against a Soviet fleet by restricting activities of Red personnel during passage through the canal. You can count on hearing more about this, with Red demands that we hand over the Panama Canal.

In the light of past experience, it's possible that we'll meekly do just that, too.

### NO RED DEALINGS

**O**N SEVERAL occasions we have referred to the expensive cameras from the Soviet Zone of Germany flooding the American market and providing millions of dollars for the Soviet economy. The law requires that such merchandise be clearly marked as products of the U.S.S.R. Zone of Germany, but possibly because certain customs officials suffer from faulty vision this law is not always enforced. As a result, Americans who ordinarily wouldn't touch Red merchandise with a ten-foot pole find they have made a sizable contribution to the Russians exploiting East Germany.

However, the main purpose of this essay is to commend a camera dealer who not only will have no truck with com-



Mr. Hartman's Blackboard

munist merchandise but who makes no bones about it. The dealer is Leon Hartman, of Techni-Service, Inc., 126 E. 44th St., New York. In the window of his store he has mounted a large blackboard which lists cameras made in the Soviet Zone of Germany and tells why he won't handle them. If you know any other dealers, photographic or otherwise, who are equally forthright in opposing trade with the Soviet and its satellites, we'd like to know of them.

### ONE BLISSFUL WORLD

**W**E ARE ALWAYS intrigued by the starry-eyed specimens whose hobby is plotting the Brave New World of the Future. By themselves, and when they are not acting as stooges for slick subversives, they are usually nice people. Unfortunately, they have a regrettable tendency to soar skyward, and for this reason it would be a kindness if men in white coats could be kept handy, to bring them back to earth with butterfly nets.

This thought came to mind with the reading of some literature issued by a new outfit selling World Government. It contained the usual stuff, meaning the inevitable inconsistencies. It set forth that in our brave new world force must be abandoned, but we must have force to enforce peace. Weapons must be destroyed and armies disbanded, but we must maintain a powerful World Government Army capable of belting the day-lights out of any nation which doesn't behave properly. (This presumably would include Soviet Russia.) At the same time, there would be no infringement of any nation's sovereign rights.

With a program of this caliber, you'd think the lady running the outfit would have little trouble getting a few million dollars from a wealthy do-gooder aching to make the world a better place for suffering mankind. Or, that such openhanded foundationers as Robert Hutchins or Paul Hoffman would hasten to underwrite her with some of their tax-free funds. But the lady probably hasn't heard of such soft touches because she's doing things the hard way, even *spending* money. To build up chapters on World Government in every town and hamlet she has asked us to publish the following advertisement:

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We aren't printing her name or the name of her World Government setup because The American Legion opposes such schemes for reasons that by now should be perfectly obvious to sensible people. However, if Hutchins, Hoffman, or other philanthropists would like to meet with her, we'll be happy to arrange the introductions.

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## WHAT HAPPENS TO WORNOUT AMERICAN FLAGS?

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the burning when the flag is not burned in a furnace.

Where no public ceremony is available, private flag disposal by the owner—as illustrated—should be observed. A wire garden incinerator makes a good stand. Those present should stand respectfully and render a brief salute as the flag burns.

Legion-sponsored public flag disposals are better, and are conducted by many Posts and County organizations. Thus,

ing its major purpose, it helps impress flag etiquette upon the public and renders an appreciated service to citizens who do not know what to do with old flags.

Hundreds of flags are collected every year for disposal in Bergen County, N. J., alone; more than a thousand in some years.

To demonstrate these do's and don't's of flag disposal, a group of Legionnaires met at the Lyndhurst home of Harry



"You've made a point, Buckley, that's difficult to refute—all I can say is you're fired."

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in Bergen County, N. J., all Posts in the county collect old flags door-to-door before Flag Day, June 14, and turn them over to the Lyndhurst Post.

After sundown on Flag Day, in community ceremonies attended by town officials, the tattered flags are destroyed with proper respect, in a ball park before a throng of interested spectators.

The Lyndhurst Post also makes it a point to sell new flags at every door where an old one has been collected, with the result that Lyndhurst's main street and residential streets present a rare exhibition of bright new flags on display every Flag Day. There is probably no better approach to helping all citizens be supplied with American flags than this one. Last year over 500 new flags were sold by Post 139 in Lyndhurst.

The public flag-burning ceremony is extremely popular. In addition to serv-

Hanson, Bergen County Americanism Chairman, on Flag Day last year.

Legionnaire Joe Russell presented the problem of the citizen who doesn't know what to do with an old flag.

Lyndhurst Post Commander Arthur Feitzinger, Russell and Russell's children, Peggy and Joe, showed how a private flag disposal should be conducted.

Post Flag Day Chairman Tim Regan and Mrs. Hanson illustrated the door-to-door collection of old flags.

View of new flags on Flag Day display is the actual scene looking down the street from Hanson's home.

The public burning of old flags shown is the official ceremony conducted last Flag Day by the Lyndhurst Post.

Legion Posts in Windsor Locks, Conn., La Porte County, Ind., and Norfolk, Va., are among others which carry out such impressive community flag-disposal ceremonies.

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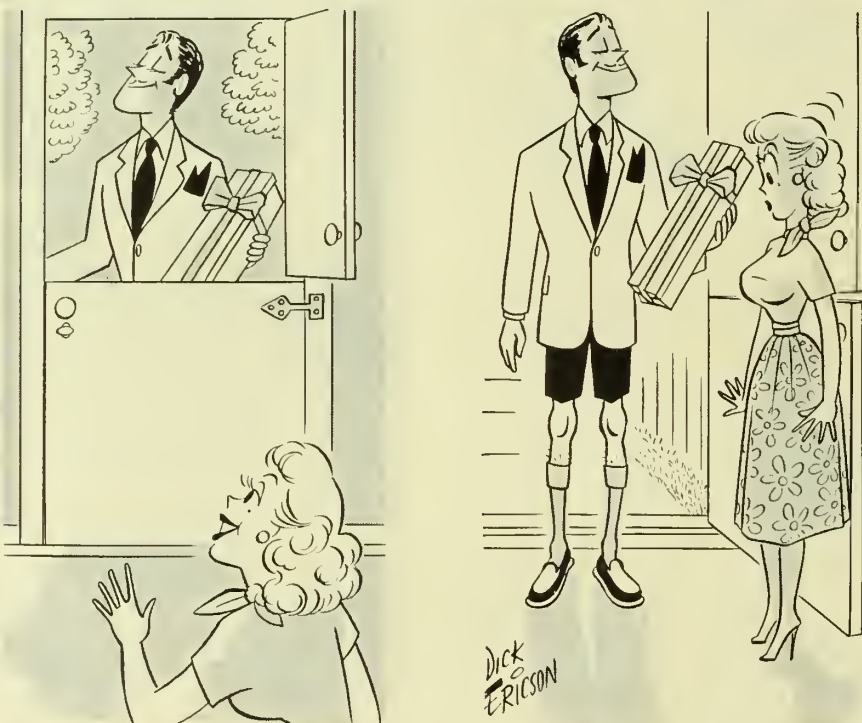
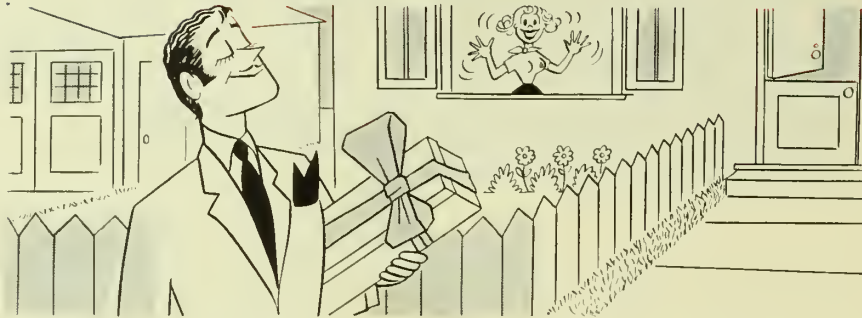
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## HER BIG MOMENT



### Works Both Ways

*The only thing happier than a small boy's dog is the dog's small boy.*

— HAL CHADWICK

### Slipping Beauty

*Her hair so freshly tinted  
Gleamed bright beneath her haul,*

*But he said, "Wifey, listen  
Only the young dye good."*

— ANNA HERBERT

### From the Frying Pan . . .

*An extremely wealthy man had been losing so much money gambling on the horses that his wife laid down an ultimatum: He would quit betting or she would leave*

him. The man agreed, but kept right on gambling secretly. One evening an old friend, who was unaware of the wife's demand, dropped in and said, "Did you have any luck with Margery yesterday?"

Instantly the wife gave her husband a stern look and got up and walked out of the room.

"Now you've done it," groaned the husband. "My wife thinks I've quit betting. You'd better square this with her."

Several minutes later when the wife returned, suitcase in hand, the friend said offhandedly, "I'm sorry if I misled you just now. Margery isn't a horse. She's your husband's new secretary." — DAN BENNETT

### Three-Ring Ceremony

*The circuses, now, are touring the towns,  
With the same old animals, band and clowns,*

*The same old type of aerial stunts,  
And the same old tricks by the elephants;*

*The same old sideshows, the same parade,  
The same old peanuts and lemonade*

*—And the same excuses we've always made  
Of "taking the kids," when it's Grownups who*

*Are really longing to feel anew*

*The same old tinselly circus thrill*

*—As we always have, and we always will!*

— HOWARD WINLEY

### It Takes a Little Longer

*In America the poor people enjoy the same luxuries as the rich. The only difference is that they need more time to pay for them.*

— MAURICE SEITTER

### Face Case

*The womenfolk are creatures*

*Who wet and pin their hair*

*And thickly cream their features*

*To end up looking fair.*

*Their looks invite derision*

*Throughout the beauty rite.*

*To make themselves a vision,*

*They make themselves a sight.*

— RICHARD WHEELER

### Missed the Point

*"I once took a trip to see my uncle in Cincinnati," Jarvis told a friend, "and all during the train trip I kept feeling like I had forgotten something."*

*"Did you finally remember what it was?" his companion asked.*

*"Yeah," replied Jarvis, "just as the train was pulling into Cincinnati, I remembered that my uncle had moved to Cleveland."*

— F. G. KERNAN

### Too Often. In Fact

*Footprints on the sands of time,*

*Close scrutiny reveals,*

*Aren't always tracks of lives sublime —*

*Sometimes they're made by heels!*

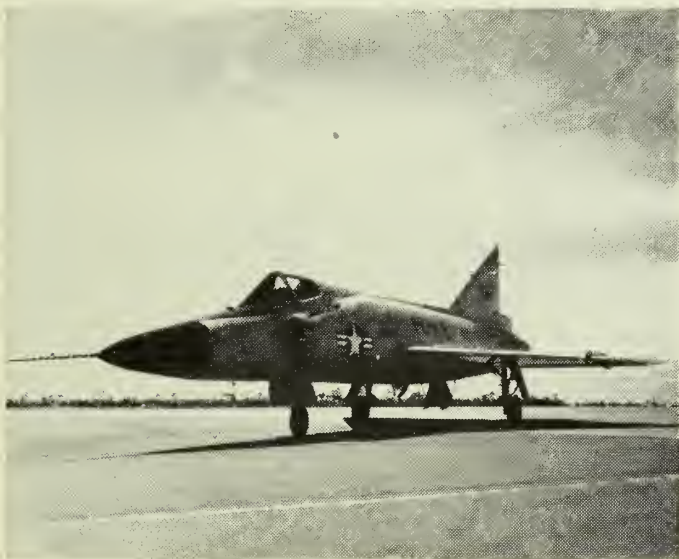
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